

Masses

24 Apr
Saturday
10:00 am
Private Mass

25 Apr
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am
4th Sunday of Easter (B)
Wellbeing of Mick Mitchell
People of the Parish

26 Apr
Monday
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No Mass

27 Apr
Tuesday
10:00 am
Private Mass

28 Apr
Wednesday
10:00 am
Private Mass

29 Apr
Thursday
10:00 am
Private Mass

30 Apr
Friday
10:00 am
Private Mass

1 May
Saturday
10:00 am
Private Mass

2 May
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am
5th Sunday of Easter (B)
People of the Parish
Private Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation

call for appointment

*If you would like a Mass said on a particular day;
Please, give enough notice.
Intentions will be as close as possible to request.

Anniversary of the Dead

Sarah Ann Tolhurst	Ethel Amelia Reardon
Gladys Nellie Rogers	Bridget Winton
Medhurst	Thomas Comerford
Bernard Lind	Josephine Coulter
John William McCracken	Margaret Horton
James Barber	Doris Theresa
Anthony John Clarke	Sweetman

Please pray for the recently deceased

Collections

18th Apr.

1st Gift Aid £
loose £



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If you feel it may be more convenient to make your offertory collection online, or by standing order, please use following details:

Bank sort code - 600910
A/c no - 71502122
Name - RCAS Our Lady of the Assumption

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4th Sunday of Easter (B)

25th April 2021



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Mrs K. Wheeler



Welcome Back!

It is wonderful to be able to welcome you back to Mass.

You will be aware that things are not quite the same as they used to be our “new normal” is not the same as the old one.

I want to draw your attention to the following changes, including those that affect the way that we celebrate Mass.

All of the changes have been made to comply with the government guidelines for the re-opening of churches for Mass and Diocesan instructions.



1. The capacity of the church has been reduced to 50, in keeping with the government’s 2-meter social distancing rules.
2. We have therefore had to introduce a queuing system for entry to the church, first-come, first-served. There will be no entry to the church once this capacity has been reached.
3. You will be asked for your name and contact details before coming into the church to enable the parish to assist with NHS Track and Trace,
4. Entry to the church is through the front door only, exit only by the side back door into the car park.

5. The toilet is not in use at the present time.
6. Stewards are in the church to ensure that you are made welcome and kept safe while you are here. Please follow any guidance and instructions that they give you, especially with regard to social distancing and hand hygiene protocols.
7. Singing at Mass, and the use of shared hymn books and Mass books is not permitted at this time.
8. Holy Communion will be under one kind (no chalice) by the priest alone. Please wait for a steward to prompt you before coming forward to receive.
9. We are not allowed to pass the collection bags around the church. Please place your weekly offering in one of the collection boxes- near the front door as you enter, or by the back door when you leave.
10. Please ensure that you take your Mass sheet and newsletter with you- do not leave them in the church.
11. You are encouraged to not congregate with others and return home promptly once you have left the church.

UPDATE: COVID19 GUIDANCE

We have received updated guidance from the government, as follows:

1. **Social Distancing** - Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with, i.e. if they are attending Mass with one other household, wherever possible they should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group.
2. **Face Coverings** - **With effect from Saturday 8th August, the government has made the wearing of face coverings in places of worship mandatory.** It would be most helpful if you could please bring your own face covering with you when you come to Mass. Children under the age of 11 are exempt from this change to the rules. Thank you for your co-operation.

NHS COVID - 19 APP

Please be aware that, if you have downloaded this app to your smartphone, you can use it to scan the QR code as you enter the church. This negates the need for you to give your details to a steward.

FARAI SADZA RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Farai Sadza, who died recently. May she rest in peace..

FINANCE AND HEATING

During the last twelve months the Parish Finance Committee has had a number of virtual online meetings. At each of the meetings we have reviewed parish income and expenditure, and the pressing matter of the church heating system.

As a result of the restrictions to church services during the pandemic, and the reduction in numbers of people able to attend Mass, our weekly parish collection has reduced very considerably. This is our main source of regular income. We have been helped by the increasing number of parishioners who have decided to make their contributions by monthly standing order. This is a safe, contactless way of making payments, and it makes it easier for us to plan for the future when we have such a reliable and regular stream of income. We encourage all parishioners, if you can, to contribute in this way.

It is also possible to make one-off donations to the parish at any time. A number of parishioners have already done this, and that

has been very helpful. The parish bank account details are in the newsletter.

The fixed costs involved in running a church and presbytery are significant, and they do not reduce, even during a pandemic. All of your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of the parish. This has been a very difficult time, in many different ways, for all of us.

The gas boiler which we used to power the church heating has been condemned by British Gas. It is very old, and no longer safe to use. New gas boilers will not be allowed, under government regulations, from 2030. We are actively investigating alternative forms of heating. An electrical heating system is being seriously considered. We would expect this to be a more effective way of heating the church in the longer term in respect of both effectiveness and running costs. It would also be environmentally friendly.

The amount of electrical supply capacity in the church at the present time is not able to support a robust and effective new system. We are working with UK Power Networks to address this issue. We fully intend that, by next winter, we will have a much warmer church to worship in.

Father Michael.

