

Masses

11 Sep
Saturday
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No Mass

12 Sep
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am

24th Sunday in OT (B)
People of the Parish
Children of the Parish

13 Aug
Monday
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No Mass

14 Aug
Tuesday
10:00 am
Private Mass

15 Sep
Wednesday
10:00 am
Private Mass

16 Sep
Thursday
10:00 am
Private Mass

17 Sep
Friday
10:00 am
Private Mass

18 Sep
Saturday
10:00 am
Private Mass

19 Sep
Sunday
10:00 am
11:00 am

25th Sunday in OT (B)

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

William Ede	Alacoque Flynn
Leo Joseph Arthur	Jack Butcher
Bernadette Connelly	Molly Patricia Longman
Charles Devenney	Marie Palmer
Leonard Lamb	Patrick Englishby
Marie Ashrafi	Maureen Ellen Stiff
Anne Moore	Emily Lester
James Slater	Martin Lavin

Please pray for the recently deceased

Collections

5th Aug

1st Gift Aid £
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Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

12th Sep 2021



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Mrs K. Wheeler



Welcome Back!

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Weekday Masses-This will continue to be in private. This is not a matter of public health, the numbers who attend weekday Mass are small. I am still dealing with my late mother's estate as Executor of her Will. It is proving to be complicated and time-consuming. There are ongoing maintenance issues with her house. I have, on a number of occasions, had to re-arrange parish appointments because of this. This has included not always being available for Mass at the advertised time. I hope that we will be able to have weekday Masses with a congregation after the September review.

Church capacity-Limits have been removed, the normal capacity of the church will apply.

Entry and Exit-The one way system no longer applies. You may enter and leave the church using either the main front doors or side door of the church.

NHS Track and Trace-If you have the NHS Covid app, please continue to sign in using the QR code at the front door. There should be a reduced number of stewards at each Mass to assist with manual signing in in the normal way.

Face Coverings-They are no longer legally required. However, to quote the Prime Minister, "it is intended, and strongly recommended" that they should continue to be worn in indoor settings. They are

considered to be one of the most effective ways of preventing the spread of the virus to those around us. Please continue to wear a face covering at Mass if you possibly can.

Hand sanitiser - It is, similarly, strongly recommended that we continue to use the hand sanitiser that is available in the church as we enter and leave.

Toilet-The church toilet may now be used! Singing at Mass-There will continue to be no singing at the present time.

Holy Communion-This will continue to be under one kind (no chalice).

Collection-Please continue to place your weekly offering into one of the collection boxes near the church doors.

Holy Water and votive candles-We are instructed to keep holy water stoups empty for the moment. Votive candles may now be lit at the stands in the church.

Household and support bubbles-These will no longer have to be adhered to. We will have more freedom to choose where we wish to sit in the church. However, there are still a lot of people who are anxious about the pandemic. Some people have not been double-vaccinated yet, and there are those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons. There may also be people with serious underlying health conditions at Mass. We have a duty to protect those who are particularly anxious or vulnerable. Please be careful and allow as much personal space as you can between yourself and other parishioners, either individuals or groups.

Stewards-Whilst stewards are no longer legally required, they will continue to be in the church before and during Mass. They will be available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. They will also do their best to ensure that everyone entering the church is seated safely and appropriately.

This is a time when we all need to be vigilant. Please be careful, and stay safe. Please also let me know if you have any concerns about these new guidelines. Thank you for your continued forbearance.

Father Michael Ryan-Parish Priest.

A WAY FORWARD

You will be aware that all of the remaining Coronavirus restrictions were lifted by the government on Monday 19th July 2021. We are asked to use personal judgement and common sense as we move forward. The way forward is still not clear. There are some in the medical and scientific communities who are predicting a very large increase in cases of Covid-19 during the next few weeks. The Delta variant of the virus is very transmissible. We will see what happens.

I have thought carefully about the current unpredictable situation. I am very aware that I bear the ultimate responsibility for the wellbeing and safety of parishioners while you are in and around the church. Therefore, I have made the following decisions, helped by guidance from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The government are going to review the pandemic situation in September. I intend to do the same.

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MASS TIMES-PRIOR NOTICE

We will be returning to our previous Mass times of Saturday 5.00pm and Sunday 11.00am the weekend after next, 25th and 26th September. There will be further update next week.

MARGARET ASHENDEN RIP

There will be a Requiem Mass for Margaret, who died recently, in the church on Thursday 30th September at 10.00am. This will be followed by a burial service at Northfleet cemetery. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

UNA ELLIS RIP

A Requiem Mass for Una Ellis, who recently passed away, will take place in the church on Thursday 7th October at 12.00 midday. There will then be a service of cremation at Thames View crematorium. May she Rest in Peace

JOHN FOGARTY

Ordination - 5 November 2021 at 6:30pm.

John will be Ordained, please God, to the Sacred Diaconate on the 5th November at our Cathedral of St George by Archbishop John Wilson.

We are considering booking a small coach for Parishioners depending upon the numbers of those who are interested in attending the Ordination.

As the Ordination commences at 6:30pm, the coach will most likely depart from our Church at approximately 4pm to take account of the Friday Traffic.

There will be a form at the back of the Church, and I would appreciate it if you could add your name to it if you would be interested in attending.

For those who cannot attend the Ordination, there will be a welcoming Mass for John on Sunday 7th November followed by a reception.

Fr Michael.