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PARISH OFFICE: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

## 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>		9 am	Frances and Mike
			11 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	9:30 am	Oran Glancy
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	9:30 am	Bernie O'Byrne & Michael Furlong RIP
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6 pm	Liam Glancy
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>		9 am	The Noblet Family
			10 am	People of the Parish
			11 am	Barbara Mackiewicz RIP

**THANK YOU:** to our door stewards, who have attended each day the church is open to support parishioners and to sanitise the benches after Mass. Without such volunteering, we couldn't open our doors for public Mass at all. If you can offer to help then please do so. We cannot expect the good will of stewards to continue indefinitely. If we have a large pool of helpers to call on, the load is easier to manage, so please support us if you can.

### PRIEST TRAINING FUND - THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

Dear Parishioners,

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YOUR SAFETY

We thank God that, as we begin the journey towards the end of lockdown, many are returning to mass on Sunday and our church is once again filled with the faithful.

However, it is very important that we all remember that the safety guidelines from the Catholic Bishops Conference remain in place. These state clearly: "when travelling to, entering and inside places of worship, people should observe strict social distancing from anyone not in their household."

We rely on our stewards to ensure that all attending mass are seated comfortably and safely according to these guidelines. This becomes more challenging as more and more people return to mass. To help them to help you please remember the following things:

- At recent masses many have been arriving after the start of mass. As well as making the stewards job virtually impossible, this is disrespectful to the sanctity of the mass. **Please arrive in plenty of time BEFORE the start of mass, particularly if you are coming in a large family group.**
- Please respect the direction of the stewards in taking your seats. Where possible we will try to seat large groups towards the front of the church.
- At the end of mass please leave the church promptly as directed by the stewards and avoid congregating in the welcoming areas or by the outside doors.
- Please remember that the wearing of face and nose coverings inside the church.

These guidelines are for the safety of us all. Thank you for your understanding.

For the PPC

Peter Stuart

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her sacraments. In a reflection entitled *The Day of the Lord*, the Bishops also praise families, parish communities and those who have worked tirelessly in hospitals, care homes, schools and prisons during these challenging times of ill-health, grief and isolation. The Bishops salute the leadership of our priests and also express gratitude for the 'immense efforts' of those who have provided food for those most in need: 'The generosity shown in the distribution of so very many meals has given eloquent expression to the mercy, love and compassion which are at the very heart of God. Many have been touched by the joy of meeting Christ in the poor; and many of the poor by the joy of meeting Christ in selfless parishioners.' Whilst acknowledging the creative and diverse methods of outreach during the pandemic, not least the live streaming of Mass, attention then turns to the post-pandemic world. The Bishops recognise that it is impossible to predict the pace at which we will emerge from the pandemic but state 'what is clear is the challenge we face of bringing our communities and the practice of the faith to a still greater expression and strength'.

They identify the groups of people they are seeking to reach:

- Those who have lost the habit of coming to church and who may be anxious about doing so
- Those who may not want to re-establish a pattern of Catholic worship, who may have seen a gap widen between the spiritual dimension of their lives and any communal expression of that spiritual quest.
- The 'Covid curious' who may have encountered the Catholic Church for the first time during the pandemic

The Bishops highlight the strengths, the 'veritable treasures' of the Catholic Church as being the tools at their disposal to rise to these challenges. The greatest treasure is, of course, the sacramental life of the Church and, at its heart, the Eucharist. 'It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence. 'At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters. 'We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as "a weekly gift from God to his people", and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed.'

<https://rcdow.org.uk/news/bishops-encourage-catholics-to-place-sunday-mass-at-the-heart-of-their-post-pandemic-lives/>

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE** will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS** will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> May, the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** Check out information here <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/>

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** by appointment only.

**MASS INTENTIONS** If you wish to book a Mass, please drop your intention envelope in the small brown box at the back of the church or through the presbytery letterbox.

**MASS READINGS:** Universalis - this online resource contains all the texts of the Church's liturgy, including the readings for Mass. [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**LIVE SERVICES AT THE WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:** [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk)

**ONLINE MASSES:** Church Services TV Provides live streaming for several churches, including ten Catholic churches in our diocese. [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

**FURLOUGHED AGAIN** our Parish Administrator is again back on furlough until October 2021. If you happen to email the office or leave a message, please be patient if a response is not immediately forthcoming.

**TEST AND TRACE** Please scan the NHS COVID-19 code poster. If you do not have the app, then we will need to continue to take your details manually.

**APOLOGIES:** our toilets and hall remain closed at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

**IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL** please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records. The current Covid 19 restrictions mean that parish clergy are not permitted to visit the wards, however the Catholic hospital chaplain will visit you if requested, just ask the nurse in charge on the ward.

**DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHOM WE ARE NOT REACHING?** Maybe an elderly person who lives alone and does not have the internet? Someone who is shielding with little family support who cannot get to Mass? Someone whom we can simply call to keep in touch? Please do get in touch with us if you feel there is someone who needs support. Thank you.

**SAFEGUARDING** If you've any concerns or require advice regarding the safety or well-being of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact our parish safeguarding rep on: [hamptonhillsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:hamptonhillsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk). You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 020 77989356 [safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk)

**THE COLLECTION** The collection basket will not be passed around. Instead there will be an exit collection by the door. However, we encourage everyone who can to donate by standing order or direct bank payment – as this minimises cash handling. There are several ways in which you can continue to give: **1.** Collection by the door; **2.** Use the existing parish donation webpage on the parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hamptonhill/donate/> This has a Gift Aid option; **3.** You can set up a standing order with your bank or make a one-off bank transfer. If making a one-off transfer please use your name as reference for the payment (e.g. Mrs A Smith) The parish bank account details are: Bank account: **WRC DT St Francis de Sales Church Hampton Hill / Sort code: 40-05-20 / Account: 61095447**