

Catholic Church of Mary, Mother of God

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DO NOT BE AFRAID



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: "Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops."

Opening for Private Prayer

Dear Friends,

Our church is now open for private prayer. Our church has been closed for almost three months and I know so many of you have been longing for the time when you can come back into our church. From now on this will be possible for certain times each day and only for private prayer. The celebration of Mass will come a little later.

There will be certain restrictions that we will have to introduce to ensure that people are safe and so that we can maintain social distancing. These will be mandatory and there will be people in church to ensure that these safety measures are kept to. I really want to ensure that any visitor to our church can come and feel comfortable and safe without any risk.

A one way system will operate in the church, there will be specified seating places to ensure social distancing, certain areas will be out of bounds, and although candles can be lit the touching of statues is strictly forbidden. You will be asked to sanitize as you enter and leave the church. The toilets will be closed and cannot be used. Please make sure you visit your home toilet **before** you come to the church. All of these measures are for your safety.

These are times the church will be open:

Monday: 10.00am to 1.00pm

Tuesday: 12 noon to 3.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am to 1.00pm

Thursday: 12 noon to 3.00pm

Friday: 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Saturday: 11.00am to 2.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am to 1.00pm

It may well be that in the future times will have to vary a little but you will certainly be informed of any changes that have to be made.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday 21st: Intentions of Lucy Wee
Monday 22nd: Gerry Fitzimmons – Get well
Tuesday 23rd: Margaret Creed – Very unwell
Wednesday 24th: Canon Vincent Berry – RIP
Thursday 25th: Veronica Baiio-Gbanie – Anniv
Friday 26th: Repose of the Holy Souls
Saturday 27th: Holy Father's Intentions
Sunday 28th: Chuka Okechukwu – Birthday Int

Although Masses are not said publicly at the moment the Intentions above will always be the intention of the Mass that is said privately. If you would like a Mass said please put the intention in an envelope with your offering and pop it into the basket in the porch of the church. Thanks

Confirmation and First Holy Communion Celebrations 2020

Due to the difficulties that we faced because of the Coronavirus our churches have remained closed for three months and as a result all of our catechetical programmes were cancelled and the First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations were postponed. We are very much aware that these occasions are very important to our young people and their families. As soon as we hear from our Bishops and we can begin to celebrate Mass again publicly we will arrange for these services to take place later in the year. When the time comes these celebrations might not be as we originally planned but we will do our very best to make sure that we are flexible and that these celebrations will be safe and good experiences for the children and their families. Please be patient with us and wait for further information about how and when these important celebration will be possible.

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Wednesday 24th June 2020



John the Baptist's mission in life was to prepare the way of the Lord. John points to Jesus the Messiah: "Behold, the Lamb of God!"
Pick up a copy of a Novena for the Birthday of the Baptist which you can follow privately if you wish.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERINGS

Over the last 12 weeks our churches have been closed and as a result our income has been severely reduced. We still have our bills to pay and this is reducing our resources. When you come to spend time in church would you please consider bringing your Planned Giving offerings and putting them in a basket which will be available in the porch of the church as you enter.

Thank you so much for any offerings that you would like to give.

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass to be said for a particular intention please write the details on a piece of paper and put it in an envelope with your offering. You can put it in a basket which will be in the porch of the church as you enter. If you just have intentions that you would like prayed for then just put those in the basket as well. They will all be remembered each day at Mass.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS The way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the loving Heart of Jesus



Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE Monday 22nd June 2020

John Fisher and Thomas More were the first canonised of the English Martyrs who perished under King Henry VIII. Henry had both men publicly executed in the summer of 1535. Fisher was bishop of Rochester and Thomas More was a lawyer and Chancellor of England.