# Catholic Church of Mary, Mother of God

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### 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will listen and listen again, but not understand, See and see again, but not perceive"

Faced with the apparent failure of his preaching, Jesus wants to share with his hearers God's optimism. His work will in fact finish well, and when the seed finds a good plot of ground it is extraordinarily fruitful. To understand the parables is to try to become fruitful ground. Does our reaction to God's wild extravagance consist of grasping without delay the word which we hear, so that we too are possessed by it, caught up in the way of obedience and missionary zeal for his service? If so then we too understand the

### **Prayers please**

Canon Christopher Howard Joseph Tuckwell – RIP. Jacques Saminaden – in hospital. Noah Hector – operation.
Canon Vincent Berry – RIP. Margaret Creed – Unwell. Stephanie Molloy – Anniversary. Luke Dowd – RIP. Stella Hosford – Sick. Susan Phagoo – Birthday Int. Monica Bastyan – RIP. Luke Dowd – RIP. The unemployed Gerry Fitzsimmon – unwell. Mary Conway – Unwell. William Garba – RIP. Claran Conlon – RIP

## **Opening for Mass**

Dear Friends.

Our church is now open for the celebration of Mass – and we thank God for this. It has been a long time since we were able to offer Mass publicly but now we can but things will be different.

There will be certain restrictions that we have had 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.

The number of people in our church at any one time will have to be restricted so it may well be first come first in. Masses will be shorter than normal. There will be no singing. You must sanitize your hands when coming and when leaving the church. The church will need to be sanitized after every Mass so it will be necessary to move in and out of church as quickly as we can. Stewards will be available in the church to welcome you and to direct you to the seating areas. Please do not shake hands or embrace within the church and please make sure that you carry tissues with you for when you cough or sneeze — please use them and take them with you when you leave. Any papers that you pick up please take with you as you leave.

### These are times of Mass during July

Monday to Thursday – 10.00am
Friday – 7.30pm
Saturday morning – 10.00am
Saturday evening (Vigil Mass for Sunday) – 5.00pm
Sunday – 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 3.30pm & 5.00pm
After the Masses from Monday to Thursday the church will remain until 12 noon for private prayer

### Confessions: Saturday morning 10.45am to 11.30am

There is at present no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday – so you might like to come to a weekday Mass when it will be less crowded.

These are difficult times so please observe all signs and directions from the Stewards so that as many people as possible can return to receiving Holy Communion in a safe and orderly manner. Please remain peaceful and calm and thank you for your help and support in this.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Luke Dowd - RIP Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jacques Saminaden - Hospitalised Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Funeral - Monica Bastyan RIP Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Canon Christopher Tuckwell Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> For the Repose of the Holy Souls Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Emma Tucker-Gbanie RIP Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Intentions of Spagniolo Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Luke Dowd - RIP

From Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July Masses will again be said publicly. If you would want a Mass intention said in church please write the intention down and, together with your offering, put it in an envelope and place it in the basket in the porch. For prayer intentions please just do the same.

### 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 Holv 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.

### Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020
Patroness of the Carmelite order who gave the Brown Scapula in a vision to St Simon Stock. She promised that those who died wearing it would be saved.

O, most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, Mother of the Son of God, assist me in my necessity.

### **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.

### **ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED**

Our Catechetical Co-ordinator, Mayra Sanchez, is looking for rented accommodation in the local area. A private room with the use of facilities which is reasonably priced. At the moment she travels in from central London and if she is to continue to work in the parish she needs to live nearby.

Please contact Fr John with any offers or if more details required. Thanks.

### **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS**

JULY - Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

### **LIVE STREAMING**

We now live stream some of our Masses.

Weekday mornings at 10.00am. Friday evening at 7.30pm. Saturday morning at 10.00am. Saturday evening (Sunday Vigil) 5.00pm. Sunday 11.00am. Link: https://www.churchservices.tv/enfield

### DEVOTIONS TO O.L. OF FATIMA Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The 13<sup>th</sup> July is the anniversary of the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that Our Lady appeared to the child in Fatima. We will have devotions either in the garden or the church at 6.30pm if you would like to join us.