

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### In church this week

We are on a rollercoaster as far as where we can go and who we can go with is concerned, but at the moment we are ok as we are in church. This weekend the Mass at Sacred Heart is fully subscribed and as I write there are three places left at Holy Saviour. That is 97 bookings in total, which is about a quarter of our Mass attendance pre lockdown. We are in a strange situation where on the one hand we need to be encouraging people to come back to being physically present at Mass rather than “watching Mass”, even though that certainly brings blessings and has served an invaluable role. On the other hand we still need to encourage people to assess their own safety and to do only what they believe is right and to stay within the government’s limitations, which are changing day by day.

However, it is good to be back together in reasonable sized congregations. Thank you.

This week Masses will be:

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| Tuesday at 10.00am at Sacred Heart.             | (maximum 40)      |
| Wednesday, I am not available, and so no Mass   |                   |
| Thursday at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart.             | (maximum 40)      |
| Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham                 |                   |
| Friday at 10.00am at Sacred Heart               | (maximum 40)      |
| Saturday at 11.45am at Sacred Heart             | (maximum 40)      |
| Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm at Holy Saviour’s | (on-line booking) |
| Sunday Mass at 9.30am at Sacred Heart.          | (on-line booking) |

In addition there will be a Requiem Mass for Sheila Clay on Friday at Sacred Heart at 11.00am (restricted to 30 places which will be taken by family and family guests). We also have a funeral service at Burnley Crematorium for Alice Rudd during the week. May they Rest in Peace.

There will be the opportunity for **silent** prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Monstrance from 5.45pm until shortly before Mass on Thursday night. The silence and devotion we have experience during this time in the last two weeks has been very special. The Exposition will close with a simple Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass.

### Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home

For those still at home and not attending Mass the Liturgy Office has prepared a service called "The Lord's Day at Home", based on the Sunday Scriptures, that you can pray on your own or with your family. It is particularly aimed at those not able to follow a Mass on the internet.

This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer sheet [can be found by clicking here.](#)

### Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses next weekend.

Here are the links for the Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass next weekend. (This weekend's are on last week's newsletter.)

[Saturday Vigil Mass Holy Saviour's 6.30pm 26th September](#)

[Sunday Mass Sacred Heart 9.30am 27th September 2020](#)

Bookings can be made on-line from 11.00am on the previous Sunday.

If you are not able to book on-line, then, if possible, please ask someone to do it for you, entering your name on the booking.

If you cannot ask anyone else, then by all means phone the parish office and leave a message requesting the number of places you wish to reserve.

Please make sure you speak clearly and leave your contact number. **Please repeat your name and contact number** in case the line is not clear and it's difficult to hear and make sure you **state clearly which church and Mass you wish to book your place for**. Someone will then register your request on-line for you and let you know if there is a place or places available for you. **Please do not turn up unless someone has called you back to confirm your reservation!**

Once a Mass shows as "sold out" it is always worth checking later as it is possible for people to cancel their bookings.

When you book on-line you will receive an email confirming your reservation and inviting you to print your ticket. You do not need the ticket.

### Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church

At Easter we were due to receive six adults into the Church. Obviously that did not happen. We are now able to receive them one by one at weekday Masses and so we are delighted to have received Melissa and then Demi into the Church so far and look forward to receiving the others soon. Please keep them and all who are exploring the possibility of enquiry or admission into the Church in your prayers.

### Donations, Collections and Gifts.

Many thanks to those of you who have given money to the parish by bank transfer or by standing order. These gifts have been very important to the parish during this time of decimated income, with no reduction in maintenance costs. In fact we have had the new boiler at Holy Saviour's and a partial roof replacement at the presbytery at Sacred Heart amounting to around £22,000 in total.

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God bless you all,  
Fr. Peter