

Sunday 10th January 2021 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The final day of Christmastide.

You may have seen that there has been a suggestion that places of worship should close. We are certainly facing a very serious situation and I do impress upon you that you should seriously consider whether or not it is wise for you to come to church for Mass. The problem with places of worship is that not all places of worship are the same. Many places of worship are independently governed and have to decide on their own safety measures to keep people safe. It is very different with us in the Catholic Church. We are controlled by the diocese and the diocese has given us very strict instructions which have been agreed with the government and appropriate agencies. They have inspected each of our venues and given us regular updates on what we must do to stay safe. Stewards have been trained and updated on what is best practice. Our churches have been consistently judged to be amongst the safest indoor places to be with other people. We are very grateful to the stewards who have given up their time to complete the training and to stand in the cold open church doors assisting people who come and ensuring this safe environment.

As a result of this, and following guidance from the diocese, we will, at least for the time being, remain open, although we have already reduced the numbers for Sunday Mass and we may reduce the number of Masses each week for which the church is open. For now, here are this week's arrangements:

In the parish this week

Tuesday	Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	maximum 30 people
Wednesday	Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	maximum 30 people
	Requiem Mass for Joan Simm RIP			
	Sacred Heart	2.30pm	Requiem Mass	priority to family. 30 maximum
Thursday	5.45pm – 6.20pm.		Exposition and Benediction	
	6.30pm	Mass		maximum 30 people
Friday	Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	maximum 30 people
Saturday	11.45am	Mass		maximum 30 people
	There will be no Vigil Mass today.			
Sunday	9.30am	Mass		Sacred Heart church (booking required)

To book for the Vigil Mass or the Sunday Mass please click on the correct link below.

[Click here to book for the Vigil Mass on 9th January](#)

[Click here to book for Sunday Mass on 10th January](#)

Please note that there is no Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's today.

[Click here to book for Sunday Mass on 17th January](#)

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.

[The Baptism of the Lord \(10th January\)](#)

January collection for SPUC.

Each year we have a collection in January for a "Life" charity. Usually it is SPUC and sometimes LIFE. This year we will collect for SPUC, but obviously it is going to be somewhat curtailed by the reduction in numbers of people coming to church. There are postcards available at the back of church and if you want to make a donation, since they have not sent us any envelopes this year, please provide your own envelope, mark it SPUC and drop it in one of the donation boxes in church or drop it through one of the presbytery letter boxes.

Holy Saviour's Church will be out of action for a week.

You will have noticed that the radiators in Holy Saviour's have seriously dirtied the lower part of the walls. The sanctuary is also looking a little drab. Next week we will have some decorators in to brighten the place up a little. It does mean that there will be ladders and other hazards around and therefore the church will be out of use for the week, including Saturday and therefore there will be no Vigil Mass on Saturday 16th January. There will be Sunday Mass available at Christ Church. Please see St. John Southworth newsletter (on this website) for information.

Fr. Peter

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared to Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

"Hail, Mary, ...

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
Be it done unto me according to thy word."

Hail, Mary, etc.

And the Word was made flesh
And dwelt amongst us.

Hail, Mary, etc.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray,
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts.
That we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son
was made known by the message of an angel,
may, by His passion and cross,
be brought to the glory of His resurrection.
Through Christ, our Lord.