

Sunday 17th January 2021

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Once again, the position is that we operate from day to day to see what the situation is. I am aware that some parishes have now closed their doors to congregations for all Masses. This is an option which we have been given and there are several factors which can influence this. We have to consider the transmission rate in the area, the health and vulnerability of those who come to Mass, the health and vulnerability of the priest and the availability of stewards who may not be as free to offer their services now or in the longer term than they were when we perhaps thought that it would just be for a few weeks – nine months ago!

For the time being, and unless legislation dictates otherwise, we will stay open for some Masses each week but a reduced number and to see how things go we will ask you to book for each Mass.

Since numbers at each Mass will be restricted, please give other people a chance to book for a Mass. We obviously encourage you to make sensible decisions about coming to Mass considering the national advice to stay at home, particularly if you are in the very vulnerable category.

In the parish this week

Tuesday *Sacred Heart* 10.00am Mass *church closed – live-streamed only*

Wednesday Sacred Heart 10.00am Mass (booking required)

[To book for Wednesday's Mass click here](#)

Thursday Sacred Heart 5.45pm – 6.20pm. Exposition and Benediction
 Sacred Heart 6.30pm Mass (booking required)

[To book for Thursday's Mass click here](#)

Friday *Sacred Heart* 10.00am Mass *church closed – live-streamed only*

Saturday *no midday Mass*
 Holy Saviour 6.30pm (booking required)

[To book for the Vigil Mass click here](#)

Sunday Sacred Heart 9.30am Mass (booking required)

[To book for the Sunday Mass click here](#)

Pastoral Letter from the Bishop

[See Bishop John's Pastoral Letter and other information here.](#)

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.

[Lord's Day at Home](#)

Holy Saviour's Church will be back in use for the Vigil on 23rd January.

I am expecting the decorators to have finished sometime this coming week. I think it is looking great and I'm sure you will be happy with what you find.

The freshen up is largely with thanks to the dedicated parishioners who have raised money in the church hall over the last few years. They have done a great job and we are very grateful to them.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support, either in church or at home,
Fr. Peter