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Holy Saviour, Nelson



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In Church

Saturday 17th July

Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sacred Heart [click here to book](#)

Sunday 18th July

Sunday Mass 9.30am Sacred Heart [click here to book](#)

Sunday Mass 11.15am Holy Saviour [click here to book](#)

Tuesday 20th July 10.00am Sacred Heart Mass [booking not necessary](#)

Wednesday 21st July 10.00am Sacred Heart Mass [booking not necessary](#)

Thursday 22nd July 5.45pm Sacred Heart Exposition and Benediction

6.30pm Sacred Heart Mass [booking not necessary](#)

Friday 23rd July 10.00am Sacred Heart Mass [booking not necessary](#)

Saturday 24th July 11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition

Saturday 24th July

Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sacred Heart [click here to book](#)

Sunday 25th July

Sunday Mass 9.30am Sacred Heart [click here to book](#)

Sunday Mass 11.15am Holy Saviour [click here to book](#)

Sunday Prayer Resource – “The 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.

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Covid Update for the Good Shepherd Parish

On Monday 19th July, the government removes many of the legal restrictions relating to the Covid pandemic.

The government department which deals with faith bodies in this regards has left us with this position.

The legal restrictions have been lifted, but the government requires us to proceed with caution. We are to consider the area that we live in, the uptake of vaccines locally, the ventilation of the building and quite a number of other considerations. We are then told that responsibility for deciding how to proceed rests with the 'venue manager' for the building. In the case of our Catholic Churches, this means the parish priest under the instructions of the bishop.

The bishop has instructed us that if we decide to relax our arrangements we are to do so slowly and with caution, conscious of the fact that we are in a very vulnerable part of the country and the whole country is being warned of a deteriorating situation.

The position for the Good Shepherd Parish will therefore be as follows:

Face-coverings: **We ask everyone, unless they are exempt, to continue wearing face coverings in church** both to protect themselves and out of consideration for the health and the fears of others who may be particularly vulnerable or simply nervous. We know that this will be unpopular with some, but it is a matter of charity as well as health.

Distancing: We will continue to offer the same number of places for advance booking. We will keep one side of the church with alternate benches unused. We will issue people with cards to place on the seats next to them which will say, "Please leave a space." This will ensure that people do not feel squashed up. If, when all booked places are taken, there are still places available, we will be more flexible about admitting people, respecting the spaces with a spacer card on the seat. This will not apply to the side where we are only using alternate benches. That side of church will operate in the same way that it has been doing with the same distancing.

Distribution of Holy Communion, absence of singing, not sharing a Sign of Peace, not using Holy Water will all remain unchanged for the time being.

The bishop has asked that in addition to the above we should include this note:

"Bishop John is urging all adults, who are able to do so, to be vaccinated. Pope Francis has reminded people of the duty to be vaccinated if they are able. The Church is clear that all Catholics can take any of the vaccines on offer with a clear conscience. Even if you are at a low risk of becoming seriously ill, being vaccinated will lower the risk of transmitting the virus to somebody else who might then have a severe reaction or even die. It is particularly important that those in our parishes, clergy and lay-people who visit those who are housebound or otherwise vulnerable are vaccinated".

We will try this and see how things develop.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Fr. Peter

Update on the former church of Saints Peter and Paul

It will be sad to say goodbye to the ownership of the former church and parish hall in Higherford, but it is a day that we have known for some time will come. The trustees of the diocese have agreed this week that the building should be put up for auction. A firm of auctioneers has been appointed and the diocesan solicitor has been instructed to draw up the conditions of sale. It is most likely that the sale will be on the firm's auction day towards the end of August or September. Notice of the auction will be posted at the site in the near future.

A prayer for now.

Dear Lord,

I thank you for the gift of this last year and all it brought me.

I light a candle in my heart for those who bear wounds from this year.

Every new start is a gift from you;

every new month, every new week, every new day.

Lord, I prayer that I will not take each new beginning for granted.

May I value and make the best of each and every day.

May I be mindful of those less fortunate: the poor, the hungry, the marginalized.

Protect us from evil and misfortune.

Guide our thoughts and actions as we move forward

so that when we look back we shall always look back and say:

That was a very good year.

And may your blessing, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

shape our lives now and in all times to come. Amen.