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In Church

Saturday 14th August Vigil Mass	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6.00pm Sacred Heart booking available
Sunday 15th August Sunday Mass	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30am Sacred Heart booking available
Sunday Mass	11.15am Holy Saviour booking available
Tuesday 17th August	10.00am Sacred Heart Mass booking not necessary
Wednesday 18th August	10.00am Sacred Heart Mass booking not necessary
Thursday 19th August	5.45pm Sacred Heart Exposition and Benediction 6.30pm Sacred Heart Mass booking not necessary
Friday 20th August	10.00am Sacred Heart Mass booking not necessary
Saturday 21st August	11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition
Saturday 21th August Vigil Mass	6.00pm Sacred Heart booking available
Sunday 22nd August Sunday Mass	9.30am Sacred Heart booking available
Sunday Mass	11.15am Holy Saviour booking available

Please note that ‘booked’ places are only kept until 5 minutes before Mass. They will then be available to others who come.

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. (Available on the website newsletter.) Please [click here](#) to view the Mass sheet for Sunday 15th August (The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

All Souls Cemetery Annual Mass and Blessing of Graves

This year, please God and a favourable direction taken by Covid, we will celebrate the Cemetery Mass and the Blessing of Graves once again. We have set the date for Saturday October 2nd at 11.00am and all are welcome.

“Amen” (which means yes, I agree, so be it) - **an act of Faith and commitment.**

I think we have now reached a stage, especially with our Gospel readings from John chapter 6, where it is appropriate to make a return to our personal act of Faith when receiving Holy Communion. I shall now return to saying, “The Body of Christ” to each communicant. **This is both a statement and a question.**

The statement is that this is truly the Body of Christ, the Real Presence of Our Lord and God.

The question is three-fold:

1. Do you **believe** this?
2. Do you want to **invite** Jesus Christ intimately into your life?
3. Do you want to **be** ‘the Body of Christ’ as a member of the Holy Catholic Church which, as St. Paul clearly tells us, is the Body of Christ?

If the answers to these are **“Yes”** then your response and act of Faith is to proclaim, **“Amen”** and to receive the Body of Christ in a prayerful and thoughtful manner.

Please wear a face covering in church

whenever there are more than just a few people in church, unless you are exempt.

This is to protect you but more especially to enable people who still feel vulnerable in places where people gather to feel comfortable and safe in coming to church. What we do not want is for people who have been coming to church to stop coming because what was for them a safe place is no longer a place where they feel safe.

Also, please remember to keep a safe distance from others when coming forward for Holy Communion and when entering and leaving church.

Also, please do not hold conversations in church. Yes, greet people briefly and quietly, but for ‘catch ups’ please invite them to see you outside either before or after Mass. It is important that we give people the ability to pray undisturbed to prepare themselves for the Sacred Mysteries and also to have time in church to give thanks to God after Mass. (Please remember that conversations in the porch carry very loudly and clearly into the body of the church and often through into the sacristy!)

Please ensure that a potential complacency to Covid doesn’t also become indifference in the presence of Almighty God. On the contrary, let’s try to increase our awareness and awe in the presence of God.

Covid Update for the Good Shepherd Parish (a reminder)

We are following the direction of the diocese and the government’s recommendation to all places where crowds gather to **ask that everyone wears a face covering during services unless they are exempt.**

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.

You are still able to book for the Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses but we will also be admitting people at the door. **We will retain places for those who have booked until 5 minutes before the Mass starts. After this we will allow others in as space allows. Therefore if you have booked and do not wish to be disappointed, please ensure that you are in your place no later than five minutes before the Mass time.**

The **parish hall and the presbytery remain closed for the time being.**

Thank you for your cooperation, Fr. Peter