

Sunday 27th September 2020 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In church this week

Yet again, the scene is shifting and again I find myself on the one hand encouraging you to come together to celebrate the Eucharist fully by being physically present as “Church” in church, but also encouraging you on the other hand to take care of yourselves and only to do what you believe is safe and wise for you and that may mean that celebrating with us at home is the right thing for you.

Thanks to the good work of our Stewards, the sealing off of alternate benches, the requirement for face covering and the limit on the numbers we allow in church, we have no difficulty in keeping a minimum of 2 metres between people, unless they are in the same household and can therefore sit together. We are also encouraging people who can take part in Mass during the week when it is quieter, to do so and perhaps leave more availability for others to come to the Vigil or Sunday Mass.

This week Masses will be:

Tuesday at 10.00am at Sacred Heart.	(maximum 40)
Wednesday at 10.00am at Sacred Heart.	(maximum 40)
Thursday at 6.30pm at Sacred Heart.	(maximum 40)
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)

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.](#)

Diocesan Holy Hour – Hope in Difficult Times Sunday 4th October, 3:00pm, Church Services TV

On Sunday 4th October, the day we would usually launch the new stage of Hope in the Future, Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour from Salford Cathedral which will be livestreamed on ChurchServices.tv at 3pm (www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral).

The theme of the Holy Hour will be Hope in Difficult Times and we hope it will provide parishioners around our diocese with an opportunity to take stock of the last few months. The focus is not on moving to stage four but rather reflecting on the presence of the Lord all through

lockdown and as we continue on our journey. The Lord has, in a very real sense, answered our prayer and stayed with us on our journey. We need to pause, draw breath, grieve where we need to grieve but also be grateful where we can be and allow ourselves to be renewed.

You can find out more on the Diocesan website (www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/holy-hour-hope-in-difficult-times/)

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.) Simply click on the link to book your place.

[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 6.30pm 3rd October 2020](#)

[Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart 9.30am on 4th October 2020](#)

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

Please note. Bookings are reserved until 2 minutes before the scheduled start of the Mass.

If you arrive later than this the stewards may have given your place to someone who turned up and waited to see if there were any available places.

It is for the stewards to decide if we have reached capacity and they are not to allow anyone else in once capacity is reached.

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.

God bless you all,

Fr. Peter