

Sunday 11th October 2020

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In church this week

This week Masses will be:

Tuesday at 10.00am at Sacred Heart.	(maximum 40)
Wednesday at 10.00am at Sacred Heart. (Thursday Exposition from 5.45pm 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)

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.](#)

Cafod Fast Day – Sunday 11th October

If you have not already picked up a Cafod donation envelope, please do so. We ask you to be more than usually generous to Cafod at the moment. Cafod's income is seriously down, but the calls on their help have massively increased because of the Coronavirus and the impact it is having on the countries where Cafod's work is most needed. Please give generously in the envelope, sign the gift aid declaration if you are able, and return the envelope when you can. It can be dropped into any collection bucket or through a presbytery letterbox.

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 at 6.30pm on 17th October](#)

[Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9.30am on 18th October](#)

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.

Once a Mass shows as "sold out" it is always worth checking later as sometimes people need to cancel their bookings and these then show as available.

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.

Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme page on this website has been updated.
You can access it by clicking here. [Sacramental Programme update](#)

It is not possible to run the programme as we have been used to doing with large numbers. Instead things will have to be organised on an individual level, family by family. I think this could be quite an exciting development. It gives us the opportunity to rediscover the link between the Sacraments and Faith and the practice of Faith, rather than see "First Communion" as an automatic event linked only to entering a school year and perhaps having nothing to do with the practice of the Catholic Faith at all! How did we ever reach this point where we dishonour the integrity of our Faith and Sacraments to this extent?

Basic and essential formation will be family and church based with individual arrangements being made between the family and the priest once a child who is coming to Mass regularly reaches the age of seven or over. The schools will continue to give a more structured teaching on the Faith and the Sacraments and will be informed which children have come forward for the Sacraments so that they can be given appropriate support and encouragement.

We are very grateful for all that the schools have done and will continue to do.

God bless you all and pray for each other,
Fr. Peter