

**Why can't we sing our hymns and have music?** To prevent the droplets from your mouth from spreading further out. Apparently singing spreads the droplets further afield than just speaking.

**Why are we not using our Mass books?** To prevent the spread of any germs which might be already there, or which may attach themselves from your hands to the surface of the cover or the pages.

**Why only one Reader and why must she/he sanitise and wear gloves during that ministry?** One Reader cuts down the movement within the Church, also helping to curtail any possibility of passing on any signs of the virus to anybody else. Gloves are worn because the Lectionary and microphone may be touched inadvertently or otherwise by the Reader.

**Why are we not allowed to pick up a Newsletter on our way in to Mass as against when leaving?** Any paper, books etc. that you might touch can become infected. So the idea is that any loose leaflets such as the Newsletter, should be picked up on your way out and taken away with you. **Please, please, do not leave any loose leaflets, papers, sheets of any kind behind you in Church. Take them home with you and dispose of them appropriately.**

**Why are we not allowed to walk along the Cloister and go through the Rooms etc. to the Hall and into the car park as we have always done?** Again for very practical reasons. Any area that has been used for whatever reason or for access, must be cleaned and sanitised. The less area and equipment used, the less the cleaning afterwards by our volunteer stewards.

**What is the biggest change we can expect next Sunday, or whenever we feel ready and able to go back to Mass?** The biggest change will be the lay out of the Church and being shepherded by stewards, remembering that you will not be able to sit in your customary seat, that you will not be able to ramble around to greet or chat with your friends whom you have not seen for weeks. There will be a complete change in atmosphere in the Church. The celebration of Mass will be much shorter than usual, to try and prevent you being "indoors together" for as short as possible. But your great reward, happiness and joy, will be in being able to receive our Divine Lord again in Holy Communion. What a blessing that will be for all of you who have been denied that joy, that great privilege of receiving your Eucharistic Lord for such a long time. Like St. Paul you will be saying: "I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me"

**Will we be able to receive Holy Communion?** Yes indeed **you will in the hand only**, through the Sacred Host. You **will not** be able to receive from the Chalice. You will receive further instructions at Mass re. approach, keeping the correct distance, stretching out your hand as far as possible, and how you will return to your place. Again following the advice of the stewards will be absolutely essential for all of us. By the way, you will not see any Altar Servers on the Altar for the time being, or anybody allowed on to the Sanctuary except the Eucharistic Minister(s) on duty. He/she will have to sanitise, keeping the Social Distancing, as will the Priest, before and after distribution.

**Why are we using both Church doors for entry and exit?** Again in the hope that this will help with the Social Distancing required. Those entering the side doors will be asked to use the seats on the Sacred Heart Altar side. Those who come through the front doors on Coventry Road will be asked to use the seats on Our Lady's Statue side of the Church. You will leave the Church via the door you entered through. **Please remember the importance of the required Social Distancing.**

Lastly, remember that during this time of pandemic, only those who feel ready, those who feel comfortable with it, those who are fit and healthy, should consider coming to Mass. Those with serious underlying health issues, and those who are very elderly, should not consider coming at this time. Remember your Sunday obligation to attend Mass has been suspended during this time. So please do not take any chances if you are not comfortable. Do not take any risk, and certainly do not put others in any danger of risk. For those who cannot come for whatever reason, at this time, be assured that you will be in the thoughts and prayers of all who can, and will come to Mass. God bless you all and keep safe.



# Our Lady of Victories

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5th July 2020  
Week 14 of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 2

## Times of Services

**Sunday: 14th of Ordinary Time**

**Sat.6.00pm Mass** - Mass is being offered for The Parishioners  
**11.00am Mass** - Mass being offered for the healing of the nation  
in keeping with God's will for us

**Monday: Feria**

Private Mass - Norman Phillips R.I.P.(15th Anniv.)

**Tuesday: Feria**

Private Mass - Dr Andrew Mitchell R.I.P.

**Wednesday: Feria**

10.00am Mass - Walter Fialkowski R.I.P. (birthday gift for July 9th.)

**Thursday: Feria**

Private Mass - Tony Dolby R.I.P. (8<sup>th</sup> anniv.)

**Friday: Feria**

Private Mass - God's comfort for Jane and Michael.

**Saturday: Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe**

Private Mass - Personal Intention

**SATURDAY EVENING AT 6 P.M. First Mass of Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Mass int. for the People of the Parish.**

**Sunday: 24th of Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY MORNING JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>,**

**FIRST MASS IN CHURCH AT 9.A.M.**

**SECOND MASS IN CHURCH AT 11A.M.**



*'Come to me, all  
you who labour  
and are  
overburdened,  
and I will give  
you rest.'*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF RESTRICTED NUMBERS, YOU WILL HAVE TO PRE BOOK YOUR INTENTION TO COME TO THE MASS OF YOUR CHOICE:**

**FOR THOSE WISHING TO COME TO THE SATURDAY 6.P.M. MASS, PLEASE RING JUDITH SNAITH 01858 419108 BETWEEN 5P.M. AND 7P.M. ON EITHER WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.**

FOR THE **9A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY MORNING**, PLEASE RING JO SHELLARD ON 01858 440983, AGAIN ON THE TIMES AND EVENINGS AS ABOVE.

FOR THE **11A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY MORNING**, PLEASE RING STEPHEN McGLONE ON 01858 465939, AGAIN STRICTLY BETWEEN THE TIMES AND THE EVENINGS AS ABOVE.

PLEASE ONLY RING ON THE ABOVE STATED EVENINGS AND TIMES

Don't forget to bring and wear a Face Mask.  
Please follow the stewards requests at all times.  
Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church.  
Please remain seated or standing during Mass. Do not kneel.  
Remember the Church must be cleaned and sanitised after every service.  
Please remember also that all toilets **WILL NOT** be in use  
Your help and cooperation in everyway is required and expected.



**EXCITING NEWS!** My dear Parishioners,

As you will know by now, the Government has given permission for places of worship to open as from this Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. To all Churches who have met the required standards of preparation and expectation for reopening, our Bishop has given those who feel ready to do so, permission to start celebration of public Masses.

This morning, Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> June I met with some of our PPC members to discuss our readiness to begin public celebration of Mass again in our Church. We agreed to do so as from this coming weekend Saturday / Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of July. But with a great, great difference to what you have been used to. A few important reminders before I go into detail about reopening for public celebration of Mass.

**The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended for the time being.**

We cannot return immediately to our current patterns and practices. There is no question at present of "our going back to normal practices".

When we return to Mass there will be differences in how the celebration will take place.

There will be a limit on the number of people who can attend any one Mass due to social distancing requirements. In practice for us, this means accommodating 59 people for any one weekend celebration. It is for each of us to think carefully about how and when to return to Mass, including considering joining in a weekday Mass as an alternative when available.

There will be Stewards attending at each Mass. Their instructions must be strictly followed, so as to keep the celebration of Mass as reverent and devout as we all want it to be, for the safety and health of each and all.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING VERY CAREFULLY:**

***This coming Saturday evening, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm.***

***On Sunday morning July 5<sup>th</sup> Mass will be celebrated at 11 am.***

***You must book beforehand to come to Mass because of limited places.***

***Because we are observing the distance of a metre plus, face Masks must be worn by all from the moment you step inside the Church door, to the end of Mass when you step outside the Church door. If you happen to forget to bring your mask, we have some disposable ones available for you to purchase at 60p. each. We would request that children of 12 years and upwards, wear a mask during Mass.***

**PLEASE NOTE** that Maggie is still making washable fabric Face Masks and can be contacted on 01858 - 461909

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

***If you intend coming to the Saturday Mass at 6 pm you must ring Judith Snaith on 01858 419108 between 5 pm and 7 pm on either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.***

***If you wish to come to the 11 am Mass on Sunday you must ring Stephen McGlone on 01858 465939, again between 5 pm and 7 pm on either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.***

Both Church doors will be open. Those wishing to sit on Our Lady's statue side of the Church, please enter through the front door entrance on Coventry Road.

Those wishing to sit on the Sacred Heart Altar side, please enter by the side doors on Fairfield Road.

After you have sanitised your hands, you will be taken to your seat by a steward. During Mass, you can remain seated or stand as you wish, but **please do not kneel**. You will leave the Church through the door you came in through.

Whilst our car parks will be opened, you will have to walk around the outside to enter the Church. You will not be able to come through the Hall doors as you normally will have done.

Also please be aware that the toilets will not be in use.

With every good wish to you all, and God's blessings to you and your loved ones.

**Questions people are asking:**

**Why have you changed Mass times?** This is a temporary measure, so that those who have to clean and sanitise the Church after everybody has gone on a Saturday evening, can do so without disturbance and get to their homes in reasonable time. Likewise on Sunday Mornings, there must be at least an hour to give time for cleaning and getting ready for the 11a.m Mass.

**Why no Mass at Husbands Bosworth?** The Church has not been approved for reopening for services. Because it is so small and narrow, Social Distancing would create big problems, with very few being able to attend, so it will remain without it's Sunday Morning Mass until further notice.

**Why are only so few allowed to go to any one Mass:** As already stated many, many times, we must adhere to Social Distancing. The Church has had to be adapted to the maximum it can admit for any one service.

**Why can't we kneel?** By not kneeling it is easier to keep the required distancing from each other. Also after every service, the Church has to be cleaned and sanitised. If we don't use the kneelers, it means less cleaning in practice, both on the kneelers and on the top of the pews, though these will be sanitised after each celebration.

**Why are we asked to wear a Face Mask in Church?** Again because we have opted for the metre plus in distancing, as against the 2 metre, we are required to wear a Mask for obvious reasons.