



PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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Solemnity of Saints Pete and Paul, Apostles



DATES	TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 28 th June <i>Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 29 th June – <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Phil Hunt RIP
Tuesday 30 th June – <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Elizabeth Carr RIP
Wednesday 1 st July – <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 2 nd July – <i>Feria</i>	9.30am 12.30pm	Celebrant's Intention Burial Service of Ricardo Manuel Morcillo-Fernandez
Friday 3 rd July – <i>Feria</i> <i>Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 4 th July – <i>Feria</i> Vigil for Sunday	9.30am 5.00pm	Celebrant's Intention Celebrant's Intention (public Mass)
Sunday 5 th July <i>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	People of the Parish (public Mass) Celebrant's Intention (public Mass)

DAILY MASS: said privately by Fr. Linh for your intentions. Details for live-streamed Masses from different churches are on our website. **From the weekend 4th – 5th July, we will have public Masses, if we have enough volunteers to help with stewarding and cleaning (4 PEOPLE at every Mass)** If you can help, please let Fr. Linh know. Volunteers are urgently needed for the weekend 4th – 5th July. **ONLY 30 people are allowed at each Mass. Please email or call the parish to book your place.** Please read on for more details. Thank you.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ricardo Manuel Morcillo-Fernandez** who died recently. His burial service is on Thursday 2nd July, 12.30pm at Burntwood Town Cemetery (Mass for him is in the morning, without congregation). We extend our deepest sympathy to his family during this difficult time. *Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord! And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace!*

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK: Charles Ward, Isabella Tainty, Anthony Cook, Patricia Harper, Vincent Foxhall, Michael Summerfield, Francis Neenan, Michael Neenan, and John Magulski. May they rest in Peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of the parish. We include all those we know in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. We pray especially for those who are affected by the coronavirus pandemic in various ways. May the Lord grant them healing, strength and peace!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: If you go to Mass, please put your envelop/cash in the donation box at the entrance or the exit door. The diocese has also set up other ways for us to support our parish online. Please visit the link for details: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/supporting-your-parish-financially?fbclid=IwAR2oecim69Pey6Cb7x4eixknDlomhcM8LNHMkk0SZtkHQYAjDUKhkOd8O74>. Thank you very much for your ongoing support to the parish of St. Joseph. May God bless you and keep you in His Loving Care.

PUBLIC MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

We are planning to have Mass with congregation from the weekend 4th – 5th July. In order for that to be happened, **we need VOLUNTEERS to be stewards and to clean the church after every Mass.** If you are not deemed vulnerable (over 70 years, and/or with certain pre-existing health conditions) and would like to help, please contact Fr. Linh (by email or phone) to get more information. **Please note that if we don't have enough volunteers, the church won't be open for public Masses.**

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The existing arrangements in place for individual private prayer will remain; access for all from the car park (usual entrance), use of hand gel on arrival and leaving the church, candles lit by yourselves, one-way system and exit via the fire door (nearest to the Baptismal Font)
- Based on social distancing guidelines, **the maximum safe operating capacity of the church is 30 people. Therefore, you MUST book/check with the parish in advance by email or phone. DO NOT just turn up! When the church reaches its capacity, no further entry is allowed.**
- Please note that **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.** *We can still attend online Masses or come to any weekday Mass instead of Sunday.* This will help spread the number of people wanting to come over the whole week.
- **IT IS COMPULSORY TO WEAR A FACE COVERING IN THE CHURCH.** (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The clergy only have to wear face covering to give Holy Communion.
- We will provide seating family groups (3-5 people). Elsewhere there will be places for couples and individuals. Only occupy the family accommodation if you are from the same household or in a pre-arranged bubble. **Please respect and strictly follow our stewards' instructions**
- Children are welcome but there be will be no children's liturgy, no reading resources and it will be essential that parents can ensure that they satisfy the special distance requirements.
- **There will be collection at the entrance and exit.**
- **TOILETS WILL REMAIN CLOSED**
- **Mass will be short and with some different arrangements. More details will be informed before Mass on the day.**
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** If you wish to make your confession, you will need to make an appointment with Fr. Linh by phone or email.
- **The Church will be cleaned after every Mass.**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOPS
OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ENGLAND**

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from the 4th July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

The recent reopening of our churches for individual private prayer was an important milestone on our journey towards resuming communal worship. Our churches that have opened have put in place all the measures needed to ensure the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning. We remain committed to making sure these systems of hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards.

We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home. We thank our priests for celebrating Mass faithfully for their people, and for the innovative ways in which they have enabled participation through live-streaming and other means. We are grateful for the pastoral care shown by our clergy to those for whom this time of lockdown has been especially difficult, and, in particular, towards those who have been bereaved. We recognise too the chaplaincy services that have played a vital role in supporting those most in need. Gaining from the experience of all that we have been through, and bringing those lessons into the future, we must now look forward.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown. We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to “*do this in memory of me.*” We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances.

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. A significant number of churches may remain closed as they are unable to meet the requirements for opening for individual prayer. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after the 4th July for the celebration of Mass with a congregation.

Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will be determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going ‘back to normal.’

We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Our priests may need to consider whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.

When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church.

“As I have loved you,” said the Lord Jesus, *“so you must love each other.”* (Jn 13:34) The lockdown has brought forth remarkable acts of charity, of loving kindness, from Catholics across our communities as they have cared for the needy and vulnerable. We have seen love in action through charitable works, and through the service of many front-line keyworkers who are members of our Church. Now we can begin to return to the source of that charity, Christ himself, present for us sacramentally, body, blood, soul and divinity, in Holy Communion. As we prepare to gather again to worship, let us, respectful of each other, come together in thanksgiving to God for the immense gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Yours devotedly in Christ

✠ Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

✠ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool

✠ Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham

✠ John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

This letter is addressed to the Catholic Community in England; the opening of the Catholic Churches in Wales is devolved to the Welsh Assembly who are still evaluating their position on opening Places of Worship.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thine altar. We are Thine and Thine we wish to be; and to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known Thee; many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart.

Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee, grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbour of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one shepherd.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation: to It be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.

(composed by Pope Pius XI)

GOD BLESS YOU