Dear People,

Thanks to our generous volunteers we were able to take the parish newsletter to the homes of the parish last weekend and this weekend. No more missalettes have been sent us.

If you know of anyone who missed out last week, please tell us. There were such good messages from some who had not read the newsletter for months, but now felt in touch with everyone again.

Our plans to open St Joseph’s church for private prayer were ready but now we must postpone until further notice. After seeing how we carry out the private prayer we can plan for mass and Holy Communion.

Here is the present plan for Sunday mass:
We have mass streamed on YouTube at 10.30 am as usual. At 12.00 noon, 12.30 pm, 1.00 pm, we shall have Communion Services for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The maximum number we are allowed for church gatherings is 30, and 4 people (stewards, minister of eucharist, service leader) must be on duty; so 26 people may come to each service.

People will book their places by phone or email. You might book as a family or as individuals, and you will understand if you cannot come each Sunday, won’t you.

If all goes well and Ministers of the Eucharist are available we might offer Holy Communion at the visiting times for private prayer during the week. The guidelines are strict re stewarding and social distancing and we shall follow them.

I hope you like the careful planning and feel grateful to the volunteers who make it possible - stewards, service leaders, ministers of the Eucharist. Even for one person to visit quietly for prayer three people need to be on duty. It is not surprising that our bishops have told parishes there is no obligation to open because the conditions are not easy but must be followed (full details over the page).

Thank you to all who have offered to help in any way. We are grateful.

God bless us,

Fr John

**5th July 2020 (Prayer Week 2)**

“Dear Lord, please guide and bless us”

**STREAMED MASS DETAILS**
Fr John continues to celebrate mass privately in church as given in “Mass Times and Intentions” and this is being broadcast on our YouTube channel

(Links on the parish website and parish Facebook page)

Mass Times and Intentions

**14th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)**

**SUNDAY 5th JULY, 10.30 am**
( Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Pamela Cates, Michael & Sharon Bishop,
Colette Callaghan, Rose & Jim McCarthy

**MONDAY 6th JULY**

(St Maria Goretti)
10.00 am for The Norwell Family

**TUESDAY 7th JULY**

10.00 am for Anthony Cates, Bill & Dorothy Hughes

**WEDNESDAY 8th JULY**

10.00 am for Fatima Rosario

**THURSDAY 9th JULY**

10.00 am for The Rocha & Suza Families

**FRIDAY 10th JULY**

10.00 am for Fr Saji

**SATURDAY 11th JULY**

(St Benedict, Patron of Europe)
10.00 am for Our Lady of Velankini & of the Forsaken

**15th SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)**

**SUNDAY 12th JULY, 10.30 am**
( Intentions for next Sunday’s Mass)

for Aurelio Brito, People of the Parish

**Spiritual Communion**

Jesus, Lord, today we cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Please come into our hearts that we love and serve you and one another, and be united in holy communion.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL (10.45 am - 6.30 pm)**
The Blessed Sacrament is in the chapel and can be seen through the open inner door if you pass by on your allowed daily walk and would like to stop for a moment to pray.

**WHATSAPP Parish Prayer** To join, read the consent form on the parish website and then email your consent along with your mobile phone number. The group is very welcoming and prayerfully supportive.
Locked down again

Can you please let us know whether you would be available to volunteer before we wait for you to volunteer.

POSTBAG

Dear St Joseph's,

Thank you so much for your donation of £210. Your continued support of our work gives us great encouragement.

Our website www.paxchristi.org.uk offers a whole range of news, prayer resources and activities for peace and non-violence. Is there someone in the parish who would be willing to be a link person for Pax Christi?

Sincerely, Pax Christi

Parish Pilgrimages

UPDATE LETTER RE STRESA

Dear Stresa Pilgrims,

Please do let Fr John know whether you would be able to join the team for the Holy Communion. This is to be done online and/or over the telephone and we will let you know how when we have a date to begin.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCARIST

Please do let Fr John know whether you would be able to minister at the above services. There is no pressure to do so and you have to feel comfortable with the position. For this reason Fr John will not ask you personally, we wait for you to volunteer.

FUNERALS

Fr John is unable to take any funerals at present. Your chosen funeral director will know whom to ask from among the younger priests and deacons allowed to officiate.

PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN

“Thank you”. Following last week’s newsletter we received offers of help and the grass was mowed this week and the garden maintenance has started. If you would to join the team, please say. We had hoped to open the garden this coming week, but now will have to wait until after lockdown finishes.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

If you have volunteered to help in any way and not heard back, or you are interested, please let us know. Fr John is happy to arrange a telephone meeting. There has been many emails and phone messages over the past months, and your offer may have been lost in the system, for which we apologise. You are needed!

Kid’s News

First Holy Communion

Please do look at the parish website for links to the resources David has prepared for our First Holy Communion children. They are excellent quizzes and will really help the children continue their preparation.

CAFOD Children’s Liturgy

At 10 am on Sundays, CAFOD present a virtual children’s liturgy. If you can’t join them live, a recording is available to watch afterwards. Click here for more details (https://cafod.org.uk/)

Wisdom from Ezra Pound

And the days are not full enough and the nights are not full enough and life slips by like a field mouse not shaking the grass ….