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The Sacraments



Baptism



Confirmation



Eucharist



Reconciliation



Matrimony



Holy Orders



Anointing of the Sick

THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

MASSES DURING THE WEEK Readings and Mass texts visit www.universalis.com

Sunday 18 July	9.30 AM	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY	Annis Peart-Binns [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Mon 19 July		Weekday in Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Tues 20 July		St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr		
Wed 21 July	12.00 noon	St Lawrence of Brindisi	Annis Peart-Binns [LD]	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Thur 22 July		ST MARY MAGDALENE		
Fri 23 July		ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, PATRON OF EUROPE	PRIVATE MASS	Sowerby Bridge
Sat 24 July	10.00AM	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	November Dead List 2021	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Sunday 25 July	9.30 AM	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Missa pro populo	GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please submit notices (by Wednesday 8pm) - to Fr Larkin by email at pp.thegoodshepherd@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PLEASE KEEP in your thoughts and prayers the children who are involved in our sacramental preparation this year. Alexander and Angelina - First Confessions on Saturday 17 July and Martha, Florence, Layla, Sol, William B, William H and Angelina who will make their First Holy Communions on today Sunday 18 July. Due to restrictions they will only be celebrating with their families.

GUIDANCE ON COVID AFTER THE 19 JULY

Sunday Obligation - Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England

We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society.

Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass.

It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the **First Sunday in Advent 2021**.

The Prime Minister confirmed the final step of the road map (Covid-19 Route Map: Step 4), the PM emphasis was caution. He expected people to continue wearing masks and generally not making the full use of the freedoms given. The PM said it was time to move away from 'legal restrictions and allow people to make their own informed decisions'. The Prime Minister warned that 'this is not the end of Covid', that he wants the public to 'be cautious' as we take the next step out of the restrictions.

Significantly, the PM didn't say the roadmap was 'irreversible', he accepted that he couldn't rule out the reintroduction of restrictions. This underlines the sense that life isn't going to return to normal for quite a long time and that we need to prepare for the fact that there will be an autumn and winter increase of infections, accompanied by a rise in other respiratory illnesses.

Chris Whitty put a strong emphasis on the need to do everything slowly, also accepting that there is no perfect time to unlock. While face masks will no longer be mandatory, the PM suggested that there will still be settings where it would be a good idea to wear one. Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Officer went further. Chris Whitty said that with cases on the rise, a mask would be a good idea in indoor settings. On this point, Patrick Vallance backed him up.

With all of the above in mind we are going to be very careful going forward:

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Covid-19 Route Map: Step 4 Guidance

General Principles

The key watchwords for the future steps are discernment of local prevailing conditions and careful consideration of what mitigations are needed in the light of these.

The following general principles apply:

Prevailing Local Conditions

All places of worship should always consider the prevailing local conditions for the virus. Special consideration should be given to rates at which people are being vaccinated in the locality, the prevalence of new variants of the virus, the local rates of hospital admissions and any local public health advice.

Mitigations

It is important to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission. Although the vaccine rollout programme is very successful, the risk of transmission still exists. There are enough people not protected by vaccination to result in significant hospitalisations.

Churches should continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits and face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church. General cleaning to a good standard, using commonly available cleaning fluids and detergents, with attention to frequent touchpoints are the standard to continue.

While the virus can land on surfaces and can infect people if they touch those surfaces, this risk is significantly lower than the risk from aerosol or droplet spread which is mitigated against with good ventilation and a face covering.

There are key actions which churches and parishes have been doing, and should continue to do, even after 19 July which significantly reduce this risk.

Social Distancing and Capacity of Churches

From 19 July, there will be no legislation on social distancing in England and thus churches may increase their capacity. Care has to be taken to ensure that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship. Each local community should examine the local conditions regarding the virus, and adopt an attitude of care for the people who desire to attend Mass. Each church should continue to assess the local situation regarding the virus and adapt as necessary to the local conditions. This may mean that in areas of very high transmission, churches may have tighter measures than in areas of lower transmission.

Congregational Singing

The use of cantor groups and other choirs is now permitted.

It is recommended that singing should be phased in slowly, until infection levels reduce.

Acts of Worship

As the restrictions are lifted public acts of worship can return to normal practice, with some exceptions for the time being. All of the above mitigations in creating safe spaces should be considered by the local communities as means of promoting public confidence in the covid security of churches. In addition, the following are recommended as good practice.

1. Opening of Churches

QR codes (or other means of attendee identification) should be clearly signposted at entrances and those entering encouraged to use them for test, track and trace purposes. Hand sanitiser should still be made prominently available for people to use.

2. Test, Track and Trace

As long as the NHS Test, Track and Trace system is in operation, churches should continue to make available the means for people to sign in for acts of worship using the NHS app and the associated QR codes (or other means of attendee identification).

Online Mass Booking system, this too could be adapted to the new capacities of the churches and continue to be used so that attendees are known.

3. One-way systems and movement of people

It is no longer necessary to have one-way systems or other restrictions on movement in churches from this time onward. People should exercise good responsible behaviour especially when moving to receive Holy Communion during Mass and should avoid getting too close to each other.

4. Stewards

The deployment of stewards will no longer be necessary to show people to designated seats etc (except when a community has decided to employ social distancing as part of a scheduled Mass). However, a welcoming presence at the church door is a valuable sign of hospitality, and stewards can assist in the cleaning of frequently used touch points within the church building.

Celebration of Holy Mass

The following is recommended for the celebration of Holy Mass from the 19 July within the churches and communities in England and Wales:

- At this time, it is not recommended that Holy Water stoups are refilled.
- It is recommended that the physical Sign of Peace remain suspended as it is not an integral part of the Mass, and its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration.
- Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind.
Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hand
- Concelebration is permitted.

Celebration of Marriage

There is no restriction on the number of people that can attend marriages in the Church. Marriages in the form of a Nuptial Mass should observe the recommendations for the Celebration of Holy Mass. Those within a Marriage Service outside of Mass should apply the usual norms.

Celebration of Funerals

There is no restriction on the number of people that can attend funerals in the Church however, good collaboration with Funeral Directors over the local conditions and regulations regarding the place of committal should continue. Funerals in the form of a Requiem Mass should observe the recommendations for the Celebration of Holy Mass. Other funeral services should follow the ritual as published.

CONCLUSION

Face Coverings are no longer be mandatory but a mask would be a good idea in indoor settings.

Hand sanitiser should still be made prominently available for people to use.

Limitation on Numbers the limit on numbers has been lifted: Good ventilation of the sacred space (especially during and between services) remains important.

Managing Church Access Parishes should continue to make available the means for people to sign in via the registration arrangements. The QR Codes & online Booking systems will remain in place.

Congregational Singing - to be kept under review.

The Communion Rite - the Sign of Peace remains suspended.

Stewards - a welcoming presence at the church door is a valuable sign of hospitality, and stewards can assist in the cleaning of frequently used touch points within the church building.

Cleaning of Church General cleaning to a good standard, with attention to frequent touchpoints to continue.

REMEMBER if your health is not good and you are vulnerable, if you have a cough or cold or temperature you should stay at home.

TUESDAY PRAYER VIA ZOOM AT 12.00 NOON

July 20 Sean Morris, after which there will be a summer break until Tuesday 7 September.

NEW RESOURCES The 12-session course on the Scriptures by Fr Mark Jarmuz is now available in audio format, his Eastertide course 'Encountering the Risen Jesus' and a new 6-session course on the documents of the Second Vatican Council are now available online: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/finding-out-more/resources>

FLOWERS Please place your donation into the box marked "Flowers" If you would like to contribute for one week's flowers for church, contact Doris Moorhead 01422 842931
Rota: July 18 Kay Pierce, July 25 Rita Alston

HOPE COMMUNITY VILLAGE Liv and Steve Redmond are having an Open Garden and Afternoon Tea for Hope Community Village on **Sunday 8 August - 12.00 to 6 p.m.**

It is an outdoor event so we will make every effort to keep you safe. As we have not been able to hold any fundraising events for over 18 months, we are really hoping for a sunny day and a successful event. Refreshments and lots of stalls. Please join us. Donations welcome. Liv and Steve Redmond, Higher Earnshaw Water, Blackshawhead, HX7 7JB.
Tel. 07787844362

REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

The commemoration will take place on Saturday 7 August at 3.00pm on the wavy steps in Bridge Gate, Hebden Bridge centre, by the historic pack horse bridge. It will include the reading of the Hiroshima Peace Declaration by the Mayor of Hebden Royd, songs from local choirs, poems and other readings. Given the expected reduction in Covid-19 restrictions, and that it will be outside, all are welcome to attend.

SEAN MORRIS is organising separately the Manchester ceremony on the 6 August in the Quadrangle behind the main Manchester University building at 10.30am, which all are welcome to attend. It will be in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Manchester and the Director of Manchester Museum.

FAITH & REASON A Catholic Integration will run from Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 August. The 3-day course will be led by two excellent and experienced lecturers and tutors, who have taught at the Maryvale Institute for many years and worked with many dioceses and seminaries around the UK and abroad. The course will offer lectures and discussion around common themes related to the rationality of the Catholic Faith, dealing with many frequently-asked questions, for example around the relationship of faith and science. We are offering residential options as well as non-residential, for those more local and wishing to drive in daily. The course will go ahead assuming the lifting of Covid restrictions in July. Any bookings will be fully refunded in the event of an inevitable cancellation. More information and registration is at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS was launched so that we can reach a far wider audience of people with the latest pro-life news that will keep people informed and help change even more hearts and minds on life issues. Pro-life news website is already the most viewed pro-life website in Europe and the fourth most viewed pro-life website in the world - and this digital news platform has been built to enable us to reach even more people.

One of our recent campaigns, such as Equally Human <https://righttolife.org.uk/equallyhuman>, which aims to protect babies with Down's syndrome, cleft lip, and club foot. As part of our efforts to spread pro-life news, follow the link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/news>

ASK YOUR MP TO VOTE AGAINST ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASSES ONLINE

DAILY MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

YouTube channel: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HALIFAX

Go to stmaryshalifax.com 9.30am daily and Sunday @ 11.00am

SALFORD CATHEDRAL – MASS AT 11.00am Sunday go to:

<http://www.salfordcathedral.co.uk/>

CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING, LIVERPOOL

Watch from 11am Sunday on Facebook page and YouTube channel.

MONASTIC LITURGIES 10.00am Sunday Mass can be found at the Benedictine, Glenstal Abbey, Limerick, www.glenstal.com/abbey/liturgy-prayer/church-web-cam

FR DENIS MCBRIDE C.SS.R. Each Sunday service will be accessed through the website below

www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online

NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM

www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

Ss PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, PORTLAOISE, IRELAND

Daily Mass @ 10.00am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy89Co1szkA>

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