



Parish of Holy Trinity, Worsley

Served by the churches of Christ the King, St Edmund and Our Lady and the Lancashire Martyrs

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30 August 2020 – Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

Greetings

I hope you are keeping well and managing to stay safe. We are still waiting for the reports on the transmission of the virus to give us some hope for lifting the lockdown but the messages are still urging caution. This week we must pray for our teachers and young people who are preparing to return to school. It will be a stressful time for all concerned but our schools' staffs are utterly professional and will make that return as positive as it can be.

Building Community

Thank you for all you are doing to reach out to any in the parish who are in any way isolated from family or friends. I am enormously grateful to the volunteer stewards who ensure that at least one church is open for private prayer. Our support of the Food Bank has been outstanding and our generosity toward APF/Missio and CAFOD is gratefully acknowledged

Open Church

We have had serious discussions about the re-opening of our three churches for Mass, and each has had a Risk Assessment from the Diocesan Officer; several things have emerged:

- caution and safety are paramount, particularly considering the age profile of many of our Mass goers – the incidence of Covid-19 across Greater Manchester is still high
- the anecdotal evidence across the diocese is that when churches are opened, attendance is fairly low
- the Masses should be during the week only – Zoom Mass will continue on Sunday as our way of holding our community
- sanitation stations are provided at entrances and exits, face masks must be worn and social distancing strictly observed
- Holy Communion to be received in the hand only and probably at the end of Mass as the congregation is leaving
- individuals would only be able to attend their customary church of worship – i.e. one Mass per week
- attendance would have to be pre-booked on-line or by telephone

Therefore, I propose that we should have a 'trial run' in two weeks – full details to be given in next weeks newsletter. It will be important that people who are not on email are made aware of these plans. Thank you to those people who have generously volunteered to be stewards at each of the churches

We are hoping that we can begin to have simple celebrations of **Baptism** in the near future with very limited numbers of guests; We will telephone the families this coming week.

Safeguarding

For many months now we have been told to stay safe. Home should be place of safety but for some this is not the case. If you feel you are under domestic pressure or are concerned about someone who might be, the Diocesan Safeguarding Office is able to support you confidentially. More information is available from Diocesan Safeguarding Co-Ordinator on 0161 817 2206, Fr. John or your Parish Safeguarding Representatives.

Building Works

The asbestos survey have been completed; removal work will probably be necessary at St Edmund's and Lancashire Martyrs. This week we will have inspections of the gas appliances, boilers etc across the three sites. Some internal and external repair works have begun at St Edmund's church. We await news on the homeless project at St Edmund's

Finance

Thank you to those who have managed to maintain their parish contributions during these days. If you cannot pay by Standing Order, please make your offering by cheque – simply post it through the front door of Christ the King presbytery

Events this week – all on Zoom

Sunday: Mass: 11.00am Rosary and Benediction 3.00pm

Monday: Mass 12.00pm; Exposition 5.00pm – Poetry Evening 7.00pm – this is a lovely way of sharing time together recalling old and new seams of poetry. Please let Cecelia know your selection

Tuesday: Mass: 12.00pm; Exposition 5.00pm Bereavement Support Team 7.30pm

Wednesday Mass: 12.00pm; Exposition: 5.00pm

Thursday Mass: 5.00pm

Friday Mass 12.00pm: Exposition 5.00pm

Private prayer

Christ the King church will be open – Monday: 2-3.00pm, Wednesday 6-7.00pm, Friday 2-3.00pm.

I am grateful to those volunteers – cleaners and stewards - who are making this possible

Prayers please

For those who are sick especially Daniel, Adela, David, Winnie, Sylvia, Susan, Irene, Paddy, Jimmy, Maureen, Steve, P.J., Declan, Jac, Kay and Anne

And for those who have died in recent times especially Bridget, William, Maree, Joe, Joseph, Gerard, Keisha and Alan, and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time

Pray also for our teachers and pupils preparing to return to school

Masses received: Emily Louise Jones, Freda Jones, Marie Green, Maree Cherriman, Mrs Dapoto

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