



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH of ALL SAINTS NEWPORT



*A Parish of the Archdiocese of Cardiff: 117272*

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ZOOM COFFEE ID: 837 5033 0063**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

4.30pm (Vigil Mass)	+Molly and Bill Fisher	Public Mass
9am	+Delia and John McDonagh [BMcN]	Public & Livestreamed Mass
11am	+Rosanna Morgan [JW]	Public & Livestreamed Mass
6pm	Vincent and Caroline Quatrini	Public Mass

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September: St Matthew, apostle & evangelist**

12noon	God's blessing for Chris and Andrea Prendergast (Wedding Anniv.) [CP] Good health of Terrance Rose [EG] Safe arrival of a granddaughter [WP] Deceased Members of the Hardley Family	Livestreamed Mass Private Mass Private Mass Private Mass
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**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

12noon	+Carmel Sheedy [BW] +Arthur Joseph [EG] Monica Pugsley – 105 <sup>th</sup> Birthday – Deo Gratias [CP] +Mary Burke and Noira Briffin	Public & Livestreamed Mass Private Mass Private Mass Private Mass
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**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: St Pio of Peitrelcina, priest**

12noon	Intentions of the Downes Family [AD] Special Intention of the Gomes Family [EG] Helene's Well Being [BP]	Public & Livestreamed Mass Private Mass Private Mass Private Mass
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**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

12noon	+Louis Uruttia [PS]	Public & Livestreamed Mass
6pm	Good health of Terrance Rose and Family [EG] +Oliver Rose [AR]	Private Mass Private Mass Private Mass

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

12noon	+Michael Bush [AB] Funeral Service: +Oliver James Cooney Intentions of St David's College Birthday Blessing for Peter Rose [EG] Fr Michael Doyle (Anniv.) [SW]	Public & Livestreamed Mass Crematorium Private Mass Private Mass Private Mass
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**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

10am	First Holy Communion: +John Derek Gallagher	Private Mass
11.30am	Family Rosary Good health of our priests [EG] +Edward and Vera Doyle [SW] Deceased Members of the Blodrowski Family	Livestream Private Mass Private Mass Private Mass

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4.30pm (Vigil Mass)	+James (Jimmy) Barrett [EB]	Public Mass
9am	+Derek Michael Abbey [JC]	Public & Livestreamed Mass
11am	John, Palmila and Michael Wilkinson [CG]	Public & Livestreamed Mass
6pm	+Kenneth Rose [EG]	Public Mass

**DUE TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THERE WILL BE NO LIVESTREAMED MASS ON SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

**PLEASE NOTE: FACE COVERINGS ARE STILL REQUIRED IN OUR CHURCHES**

## **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK – EMERGENCY SICK CALLS ONLY: 07805 696474**

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**Communion for the sick and housebound:** We have received a number of requests from people who are housebound and from the extraordinary ministers who usually visit, to resume housebound visitations. Having sought clarification from the Archbishop, there is still a concern regarding the current situation with the Coronavirus. Because of this, regular visits remain suspended, until further notice.

**Please note, at times of serious illness and end of life situations, the clergy are on-hand to make visitations and administer the Sacraments. Please use the emergency number above.**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rita Stokes, and all who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please continue to pray for those suffering with Coronavirus, those who have died from the virus and most importantly plead for the end of the pandemic. A Plenary Indulgence is available to all who pray for these intentions under the usual conditions of making Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion (both as soon as possible after the lockdown) and prayers for the intentions of Pope Francis (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be). Acts to be performed for the indulgence include read the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or recite the Rosary or the Way of the Cross. As is evident to all, the recitation of prayers and the reading of the Bible can be done without leaving home, and therefore in full compliance with the rules to counter the spread of the virus.

Please also remember in your prayers: Fr. John Daly I.C., Fr. John Boye, Doreen Price, Olive Adams, Stanley Whitfield, Baby Roscoe Whitby, Biddy Williams, Debbie Burnett (Reynish), Mary Richards, Reg Gough, Terrence Rose, Sr. Denise, Jeanette Bassett, John Ryan, Pat Bowen, Daniel Gabriel, Monica Pugsley, Catherine Wenegrieme, Annie Cutinha, Jean Main, Margaret Millwater, Zoe Coleman, Mellisah M and all the sick at home or in our hospitals, and all who care for them.

**To add a request please contact one of the priests.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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It is an ancient and praiseworthy custom of the church to have Masses said for particular intentions. This can include, but is not exclusive to, those members of our family or friends who have died. We can also have Masses said for the Good Estate (GE) or Good Health of someone, or for various intentions, especially in thanksgiving. One problem that has occurred recently, though obviously from the best of intentions, is the multiplication of Mass intentions – many intentions said at one Mass. You will have noticed during lockdown that we have tried to avoid such an occurrence. The multiplication of intentions is prohibited by the 1983 Code of Canon Law, as well as in a further document from the Congregation for Clergy released in 1991.

One reason for this is that the donation for the intention goes towards the financial support of the Priest; the multiplication of intentions, and receipt of the donation, could lead to simony or scandal. The church requires, therefore, that if more than one intention is said at a particular Mass by one priest, only one donation is taken by the priest, the rest are sent to whatever charitable undertaking the Diocese has 'earmarked' – this is not the case if the Mass is concelebrated, as each priest would then have an intention.

If you have any questions regarding Mass intentions, do feel free to contact the parish office, or Fr Robert.

NB. After publication of the newsletter, we cannot add intentions to the Masses for that week. So please, book your Mass intentions in good time!

**UPDATE: There are currently only 4 weekend Mass intentions spaces remaining for October (Saturday Vigil & Sunday). Plenty of spaces remain for the weekday and some limited livestream.**

## PARISH NOTICES

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**REGISTERING FOR MASS** - The Sunday obligation remains suspended. The online booking system for Masses over the coming week will open from 7.30pm on Sunday evening visit <https://allsaintsrcnewport.org.uk/mass-booking/> If you are able to come to a weekday Mass please do so instead of the weekend to allow workers and families to get to Mass.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – Congratulations and every blessing to the first groups of children who made their First Holy Communion this past week – Enrico Ali, Brandon Bishop, Amelia Bishop, James Compayan, Adrian Gabco, Natalia Gabcova, Kaya McDonnell-Jones, Jacob Roderick, Daisy Shepherd, Lily Tyler. They may not have been the celebrations we are used to but the Lord still came to these children in a wonderful way. Please continue to pray for the children and their families. The last round of Holy Communion Masses for 2020 takes place this coming weekend.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)** – Drive-thru and face-to-face Confessions are available in the grounds of St. David's church on Saturday between 1.00pm – 2.00pm. Traditional anonymous Confessions are available by appointment (no need to give your name) at the back door of St. Mary's Presbytery. When making an appointment please be prompt as the priest will be waiting with the door open behind a covered screen.

**PARISH HALL FACILITIES** – In addition to last week's announcement please pay attention to the section 'WHEN WILL OUR CHURCHES REOPEN?' – "WHEN IT IS DEEMED SAFE TO DO SO" as this also applies to our church halls.

**THANK YOU FROM FR. MICHAEL** – Thank you all for your best wishes, prayers, cards and Masses for my anniversary earlier this month. May God continue to pour his Blessings upon you and keep you safe.

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### GOD IS NOT BOUND BY HIS SACRAMENTS

Over the past 60 years the Church has seen a massive shift in the number of Catholics practising their faith. The increasing demands that the secular world places upon individuals and families and the false comfort that it offers have seen a shift from 75% of Catholics practising their faith to 75% of Catholics practising their faith in name only. This is often a source of great angst for us when we see members of our own family whom we have encouraged and taught to practise the faith, stray from the faith that we love. They no longer go to Mass, and if they do, it is very infrequently, and the teachings of Jesus and his Church have less importance in their lives so much so that they are not bringing members of their family to the sacraments.

Through the sacraments, God bestows upon us the fullness of his grace to aid us through this life and bring us to eternal blessedness with him in heaven. We know this, we understand this and so our angst is magnified when loved ones no longer approach the sacraments and we are willing to do anything to bring our loved ones to them. This is a good and noble feeling because we understand the importance of the sacraments, but we must also be careful not to fall into the trap of limiting God's omnipotence in the process.

The title of this article is 'God is not bound his sacraments'; it is a paraphrase of one line from *paragraph 1257 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* which reads, "**God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.**" Over the past few months, we have not been able to celebrate the sacraments in the way we have been accustomed to, and some people have died without the sacraments. This is not ideal as it is far better for a soul to leave this world fortified by the sacraments, but if this is not possible, God who knows the secret emotions and thoughts of the heart, is capable of bringing people to salvation.

For some people the urgency to bring people to the sacraments can be a misunderstanding of **who** they are intended for. They are a grace of Almighty God, not magic; we should never administer the sacraments and "hope for the best ...." *The sacraments are intended for those who have heard the Gospel and accepted it.*

Similarly, with the Sacrament of the Sick, we must not leave this great grace until the last possible moment. There should be a deliberate movement of prayer and acceptance of the sacramental gift so the human spirit can appear with confidence before the Just Judge. If the soul never expresses the desire for the priest to come (in the case of minors the parents express the desire), or worse still, expresses a negative attitude toward the sacrament then we do

not simply 'hedge our bets'. Grace requires co-operation - it must be freely accepted. The sacraments are never something that is 'done' to us.

Over the past few weeks the Pastoral Team have been called to the hospital to administer the sacrament to loved ones by extended members of the family. Having made the journey, they have been turned away because they were not wanted (by the sick person or next of kin) or given the present circumstances with Covid-19, not permitted to enter the highly infectious ward because they were unprepared. **If you or a loved one are in hospital, please make the call for the priest through the hospital staff.** When they call, they provide key pieces of information the team should be aware of before they leave so they can be suitably prepared; and it is more likely that the team can speak to the next of kin over the phone and gain admittance than be turned away at the door.

God is not bound by his sacraments. Instead, like St. Monica, let us have great patience and offer daily prayer for those people whom we love that have turned away from the practice of the faith.

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### WHEN WILL OUR CHURCHES REOPEN? – “WHEN IT IS DEEMED SAFE TO DO SO”

Volunteers continue to work hard to keep St. Mary's COVID-SAFE for acts of collective worship to whom the entire parish should give thanks. However, the phrase “When it is deemed safe to do so” as handed on to us by the Welsh Government encompasses more than just the current pandemic. To have a church certified as 'safe to reopen' the authorities take into consideration not just our Covid-19 management plans, but also other statutory requirements placed upon us by Health & Safety laws. For example, it makes sense that we cannot reopen a church if the Gas Safety Certificate is out of date or the fire extinguishers have not been checked etc.

During lockdown, we have had an opportunity to assess the health and safety record of the parish as a whole. According to the Diocesan Health & Safety system there were nearly 200 items overdue across all the churches at the start of lockdown. Some of these items fall under the bracket “statutory requirement”. Fr. Michael is still reviewing the requirements and compiling a list of things that must be completed before we can safely reopen a church. Under the fire protection category alone we have buildings with defective emergency lighting, emergency egress issues and safety systems that no longer comply with current regulations etc. The latest estimate to remedy these situations alone is £4,000. There are other issues including defective heating systems, gutter maintenance, the presence of rodents and pests, failing retaining walls etc. all of which are being investigated and will need to be remedied in the short term. “When it is deemed safe to do so” has wider implications for all our buildings than just the current pandemic and we are addressing the issues. But we also acknowledge the current trend in Newport and across Wales as Covid-19 cases increase.

As mentioned last week the diocese has appointed a Church Care Officer. Lauren Williams will be contacting each of our church Health & Safety Representatives to offer training and support as necessary.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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