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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

Dear Parishioners,

*As we begin the second weekend of being able to celebrate Holy Mass publicly, we seem to be at the stage where there is a little more stability in the 'new normal'. We are slowly getting used to the new ways that we interact with one another, and the changes to our celebration of Holy Mass.*

*It still feels very strange not to be able to spend time with each other after Holy Mass, in the ways that we got so used to before the lockdown began in March. But it is still wonderful to see so many of you again! It continues to be lovely to hear from so many of you via e-mail, telephone and letter. I realise that for so many of our parishioners, returning to Holy Mass is still a step away. Please be assured of my prayers. We are still united in prayer – and via the live stream – for Holy Mass each day. I will continue (when I don't forget!) to pray the Prayer for a Spiritual Communion at Mass each day, as a way for us to be united spiritually at Mass.*

*A huge amount of work has gone into preparing the church and grounds for Holy Mass, and I am incredibly grateful to the volunteers who are helping with stewarding. Without them, we wouldn't be able to open! It's still not too late to offer to help with stewarding, just get in touch with me.*

*I would imagine that this new pattern of liturgical prayer will be with us for some time, as we now enter the summer months. Due the large number of people who are still self-isolating or shielding, attendance at Holy Mass around the Archdiocese is, understandably, far lower than it was before the pandemic began.*

*We are therefore, going to try only having Holy Mass at 9.15 a.m. on a Sunday morning for the time being. This will begin from next Sunday. We will continue to monitor the situation and will reintroduce the 11.15 a.m. once the need arises.*

*We are now able to celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), and I will be available for this after each Mass over the weekend. We have been instructed that this needs, where possible, to be celebrated outside...so hopefully the weather will improve! I will take up a seat in the presbytery garden (accessible from the carpark) a few moments after Mass on a Saturday and Sunday. Confession is also available by appointment – please just give me a ring and we can arrange a time.*

*Work continues to progress well at St Thomas's, and the works to replace the church roof will (hopefully!) be completed by the end of this week. Dehumidifiers will then be left in church for a few weeks to remove the water following the flooding. More photographs of the works are added to the news page of the parish website each week! Do take a look!*

*Please, let's keep praying for each other and stay safe!*

*God bless, Fr Craig.*

### KEY CONTACTS

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### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Available after Holy Mass on Sunday,  
and by appointment. Please contact  
Fr Craig for more information.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 6.30 p.m. concluding with  
evening Prayer at 7.00 p.m.

This will also be live streamed for  
those at home.

## **PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS**

A reminder that there is no obligation to attend Holy Mass at the moment, and please do not feel pressurised if you feel the time is not yet right for you.

For anyone coming, here are a few things to note, in line with diocesan/government guidelines:

1. Everyone (unless under the age of 5, or with a serious medical condition) attending Holy Mass is required by law to wear a face covering or mask.
2. The church will be opened 15 minutes before each Mass, to allow for cleaning and preparations to take place.
3. Entrance is through the rear doors from the car park only, this will allow for socially distanced queuing.
4. We are required, by the government, to take the names and contact details of every person who attends Holy Mass. This is for the purposes of Track and Trace.
5. In line with the guidelines, you will be directed to your seat by one of the stewards. The church looks very different, and you won't be able to sit in your 'usual' seat.
6. Once you are seated, it won't be possible to keep moving around the church due to social distancing.
7. The toilets are locked, and access to the sacristies and kitchen are restricted for the time being.
8. Holy Communion will be brought to you in your place by the priest. The priest will wear a face mask for this part of Mass.
9. There will be no congregational singing, sign of peace or offertory procession at Mass.
10. The congregation will be dismissed row by row at the end of Mass, starting at the back.
11. Please use hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church.

Thank you for your patience and support as we get used to the new way of gathering for Holy Mass.

### **TRACK AND TRACE**

For the safety of all who attend Mass, the government has advised that contact details be kept for everyone who comes to Mass, for a period of 21 days. That information will be destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to the Track and Trace Service if they contact the parish to request that information. It will only be made available to any third party if that is required by law.

The parish is committed to ensuring that information we hold about you is properly and securely held in accordance with the law. You can find out more from our Privacy Notice, which is at [birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy). It is in the legitimate interests of the parish to hold this information about you.

If you have a smart phone, there is a QR code to scan as you enter the church, this directs you to a page on our website to complete your details. If not, please bring your details (Full Name and Telephone number) on a piece of paper and hand this to the steward at the door as you enter.

### **DEAR ALTAR SERVERS...**

...I am very sorry that you are unable to serve at the moment, due to the restrictions on Social Distancing and access to the sacristy. I am continuing to monitor this and as soon as any of the restrictions change, we will look forward to welcoming you back on to the sanctuary! We were planning a social event, but this will happen once we're able to. Thank you for your help throughout the year! God bless, Fr Craig.

### **STEWARDSHIP FOR HOLY MASS**

It's not too late to volunteer to help with stewarding at Mass. Some of the duties of stewards. Please contact Fr Craig – or speak to one of the stewards on duty – for more information!

## **PERMANENT CAMERA AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S**

Please think about whether you are able support this project. The cost for the camera (including installation (the camera and internet), license etc) is approximately £2,000. Thank you for the donations received this week!

### **PERMANENT CAMERA AT ST THOMAS'S**

The decision to only install a permanent camera at St Christopher's for live streaming Mass, was due to the initial quotation (originally over £5000 + £1000 each year) We have, however installed it ourselves, and for far less! So, it is now worth exploring the possibility of also installing a camera at St Thomas's. I look forward to your thoughts and comments about whether this is worth pursuing.

### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Due to government guidelines on only using single-use paper, we will not be producing printed newsletters for Mass at the moment, to reduce the amount of wasted paper. You can still read it on our website. Alternatively, you can sign up on the website to receive it by e-mail each week. Printed copies will still be distributed to parishioners at home, thanks to the work of our SVP. A sheet with Mass Times and Intentions will be displayed on the doors at both Churches.

### **CAFOD**

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: [cafod.org.uk/summerofhope](http://cafod.org.uk/summerofhope).

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

If you, or if you know of anyone who would like some assistance from our SVP, then please do get in touch! An important task they are undertaking it to offer support to parishioners including shopping for those who are self-isolating or struggling to buy food due to current circumstances arising from the Coronavirus.

The SVP are currently providing food parcels for individuals and families in financial difficulties. If anyone is able to donate dried or tinned food, there is a blue box outside of the Presbytery for donations. Thank you for your support! Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 or Jo Stewart 01902 845027 for shopping.

### **PARISH GIVING...a few different ways...**

1. Donate online through the Archdiocesan Website. Select either "Codsall" or "Wolverhampton: Tettenhall". [birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work)
2. Use your Offertory Envelopes. These can be posted through the presbytery door (115!), or put into the box in the entrance to the church.
3. Sign up for Standing Order, forms for this can be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to Fr Craig at the Presbytery.
3. Post a cheque - please make sure you include a name and address on the back of the cheque and if you are able to Gift Aid by writing GA. Cheques can be posted to the Presbytery.

All Parish groups are still suspended for the time being. This is in line with current government guidelines.

### **LIVE STREAM CAMERA**

St Christopher's church live streams Mass and other liturgies. Please see notices in the church for more detail.

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

## 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

|           |    |   |                  |  |
|-----------|----|---|------------------|--|
| Saturday  | 18 | <b>St C</b>   | 5.30 p.m.        | Frank Fowell RIP   |
| Sunday    | 19 | <b>St C</b>   | 9.15 a.m.        | Henry Soulsby (Snr), Patsy Soulsby & Henry Soulsby (Jnr) |
|           |    | <b>St C</b>   | 11.15 a.m.       | Pro Populo   |
| Monday    | 20 | <b>St C</b>   | 9.30 a.m.        | Sr Philomena Cardoza RIP (Former Provincial of S.J.T.)   |
| Tuesday   | 21 | <b>St C</b>   | 9.30 a.m.        | Sheila Crump RIP   |
| Wednesday | 22 | --  | -- --            | <i>Mass in local churches</i>                            |
| Thursday  | 23 | <b>St C</b>   | <b>7.00 p.m.</b> | Bridget Daly RIP   |
| Friday    | 24 | <b>St C</b>   | 9.30 a.m.        | Violet Daly RIP  |
| Saturday  | 25 | <i>No Saturday morning Mass for the time being.</i> |                  |  |

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

|          |    |  |           |                 |
|----------|----|--|-----------|-----------------|
| Saturday | 25 | <b>St C</b>  | 5.30 p.m. | Peter Hogan RIP |
| Sunday   | 26 | <b>St C</b>  | 9.15 a.m. | Pro Populo      |
|          |    | <b><i>For the time being, there will be no 11.15 a.m. Mass on a Sunday</i></b> |           |                 |

#### LITURGICAL NOTE...

Monday Feria  
 Tuesday Feria  
 Wednesday Feast - St Mary Magdalene  
 Thursday Feast - St Bridget of Sweden  
 Friday Feria  
 Saturday Feast of St James

#### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY...

TIMOTHY WATTON - Private Funeral Service on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord,  
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES... Zofia Stanislawska, Dee Allsopp, PWB, Mary Doherty, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, T Hill, John Lewis, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, Margaret Waleczek, Alexandra Marshall, Anthony Jones, Marian Allen, Jayne Wiggins, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor, Sister Genevieve, Jeff Gibbs, Mary Spratt, Emily Jarvis, Chris Kennedy, Antonina Alaimo, Liliana Alaimo, Giuseppe Alaimo, Joy Westley, CHY, Eutemia Fernandes, Maisie Hargreaves, Mary Rock, Margaret Davies, Brian Barnwell, Clare Fish, Bernadette Peers.

*If you would like a name added to our Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office.*

#### DIARY DATES...

*Due to the current restrictions on social gatherings, following a conversation with His Grace, the Archbishop, it has been decided to postpone our parish celebrations planned for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October until we can be united together properly and celebrate in an appropriately festive manner!*

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS... FOR JUNE 2020

|                | Non-Gift Aid | Gift Aid | Total    |
|----------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| St Christopher | £157.00      | £2119.00 | £2276.00 |
| St Thomas      | £75.00       | £1143.00 | £1218.00 |

*Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!*

