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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a very busy week getting things ready to reopen St Thomas of Canterbury for Holy Mass from next weekend. The social distancing markings and one way systems are now in place, and the Risk Assessment was completed on Tuesday. The new capacity for the church is 50 individuals. So, sadly we can't all fit in for the (not so) grand reopening! The doors will open at 11.00 a.m. next Sunday. The church, is looking very beautiful and I am excited for you to see it!

Please remember that our churches are cold at the moment due to the requirement for us to have windows and doors open to allow for adequate ventilation. We are awaiting some updated guidance on this from the Archdiocese. I will update you as soon as anything changes. In the meantime, please come prepared! Bring your coats and scarves – even your hot water bottle and blankets! – so that you can keep warm!

Once again, I remind you about the need for Places of Worship to continue to maintain good practice. This means being sensible and ensuring that everyone is safe when they enter our site. The Director for Public Health continues to remind us of the need to maintain social distancing even on the carpark! So, please keep your mask / face covering on and do not congregate on the carpark.

On the third page of the newsletter this weekend I have included a breakdown of the expenditures for the building works at St Thomas's. I feel that it is important to keep you updated on where your money has been spent. Please do take a look at this at your leisure. There is still a substantial amount of work require in the entrance porch and St Newman Centre – these works will include replacing the dilapidated kitchen and toilet facilities. The roof on the St Newman Centre will also require work in the future. But, these works will have to wait until we have raised sufficient funds.

On Tuesday morning, we said a sad goodbye to Tony and Wyn Nichols as they move to pastures new. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to the parish of St Christopher's over many years. We continue to keep them in our prayers.

*We continue to pray for each other!
With every blessing, Fr Craig.*

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen.

based on a prayer of St Alphonsus De'Liguori

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

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. We continue to follow government guidelines on Track and Trace. More information is available on our website and on the noticeboard in church.

HOLY MASS AT ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

St Thomas's will finally reopen NEXT SUNDAY (1st November) for Holy Mass at 11.15 a.m.!

A reminder for anyone coming to Holy Mass:

1. Everyone (unless under the age of 11, or with a serious medical condition) attending Holy Mass is required by law to wear a face covering or mask.
 2. For the purposes of Track and Trace, we are required, by the government, to take the names and telephone number of every person who attends Holy Mass/or use the NHS Track and Trace App.
 3. Please use hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the church.
 4. 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.
 5. Once you are seated, it won't be possible to keep moving around the church due to social distancing.
 6. Access to the sacristy is restricted for the time being.
 7. 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.
 8. There will be no congregational singing, sign of peace or offertory procession at Mass.
 9. The congregation will be dismissed row by row at the end of Mass, starting at the back.
 10. Please maintain social distancing on the carpark!
- Thank you for your ongoing patience and support!

NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP

If you have downloaded the *NHS Track and Trace App* on your mobile phone, there is a QR code for you to 'check in' each time that you come to Holy Mass.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November it is traditional to pray for those who have died within our parish and our families. There is a purple box at the entrance to St Christopher's for the names of those you would like people to be remembered during the month of November. Please bring the names of those you would like included in our Books of Remembrance on a piece of paper and leave in the box.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The traditional Blessing of Graves will be delayed this year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We will look at rescheduling this for Spring 2021, depending on the restrictions in place.

PARISH GIVING

It is difficult to talk about money when things are so uncertain, but your parishes are struggling financially too. The usual expenditures (utility bills, building and liability insurance, etc) continue and we are still required to pay our levies to the Archdiocese. I was hoping to speak about this at Holy Mass, but then the Coronavirus came along! I will speak about this in the New Year, as I think it is important that you have an understanding of where money is spent. We are very thankful for your ongoing financial support! There is a **DONATION BOX** at the entrance to the church for your weekly offerings. And it is not too late to sign up to pay by Standing Order rather than by cash each week. For more information, please do speak to Fr Craig.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents of children who are due to start primary school in September 2021 are reminded that they must make an online, or paper, application through Staffordshire County Council between 1st November 2020 and 15th January 2021. A copy of the child's Baptism certificate should be sent directly to the school. Any queries, please contact the school office, 297820. Places are also available in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

In these strange times, collection of boxes has been difficult. However, if you would care to bring them to Mass, they will be isolated in accordance with Government guidelines and then will be collected and counted. *Missio*, like all Charities, has suffered from lack of funds during the Coronavirus. THIS SUNDAY (18 October) is *World Mission Sunday* to which you can contribute. For further information, please refer to the website: missio.org.uk. Any queries, please call Nick Jarvis on 07973 746914 or 01902 747995.

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 Eliz Hopkins 07752 380833 or Jo Stewart 01902 845027 for shopping.

SVP Christmas cards

The SVP are, once again, selling Christmas cards to raise money for their work locally. For more information, or to place your order, please contact Jo Stewart.

FINANCIAL UPDATE ON THE WORKS AT ST THOMAS'S

As you might imagine, the works at St Thomas's haven't been cheap! I thought that it would be useful (and interesting) to see how much money we have had to spend in order to get the church up to standard. If it hadn't had been for the sale of the presbytery in more recent years, none of this work would have been possible. We do need to begin think about raising funds for the rest of the works that are needed – particularly to the St Newman Centre. God bless, Fr Craig.

ITEM	FINAL COST
Lighting & Electrical Works	£26,978.73
Church Roof Replacement	£122,785.26
New Doors and Windows	£15,058.17
Internal Repairs and Redecorating	£15,000.00
Sanctuary Floor	£5,802.00
New Carpet	£8213.76
Sound System Works	£1,266.80
Parquet Repairs	£8,282.76
New Alarm (Church & St Newman Centre)	£1,452.00
TOTAL	£204,839.48

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.

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Saturday	24	St C	5.30 p.m.	Dorothy Stephenson RIP
Sunday	25	St C	9.15 a.m.	Patsy Lennon RIP
<i>There is no 11.15 a.m. Mass this Sunday</i>				
Monday	26	St C	9.30 a.m.	Rouvick Intentions
Tuesday	27	St C	9.30 a.m.	Frank Lloyd RIP
Wednesday	28	--	-- --	<i>Mass in local churches</i>
Thursday	29	St C	7.00 p.m.	Marcella Toal RIP
Friday	30	St C	9.30 a.m.	Elizabeth Green RIP
Saturday	31	<i>No Saturday morning Mass for the time being.</i>		

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – YEAR A

1ST NOVEMBER 2020

Saturday	31	St C	5.30 p.m.	Pro Populo
Sunday	01	St C	9.15 a.m.	John Joyce RIP
		St T	11.15 a.m.	John Lloyd RIP

LITURGICAL NOTE...

Monday Feria
 Tuesday Feria
 Wednesday Feast of Ss Simon and Jude
 Thursday Feria
 Friday Feria
 Saturday Feria

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, 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, Shirley Brookman, Kathy Barnwell.

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

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY...

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

Please be aware that in line with current government guidelines, only a limited number of people can be present for funerals at the moment, and, therefore, only family members and invited guests can attend. We pray for those who have died and their families.

FINANCIAL MATTERS... FOR OCTOBER 2020

THERE IS NO FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT THE MOMENT

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

