Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies

Sunday 6th June - "This week we marked the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression. Let us remember especially the most vulnerable of all children, the unborn. We pray that as a society we would take on the duty to protect all children from harm, and ensure that they arrive into a world where they are loved and supported by all. Lord hear us"

Sunday 13th **June** - "We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities; we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them. Lord hear us"

Up to 30 people may now meet outdoors. Indoors, six people (or two households) can meet.

Up to 30 people may attend weddings.

The limit for attendees at funerals is limited to the safe capacity of the church.

Social distancing continues in church so please ensure that you adhere to the social distancing & hygiene rules in place in church, as detailed below.

Rules & Guidance in church

- Church at one metre plus social distancing
- Please wear a face mask (unless you are exempt).
- Please do not enter church if you are symptomatic
- Please sign-in to church for the Track & Trace system or please scan the QR code with the NHS App.
- Please sanitise your hands on entering & leaving church.
- Visitors should not touch or physically venerate statues, relics, or the church stoop.
- Single use Mass sheets & Parish newsletters are provided and should either be kept or disposed of immediately at the end of each Mass in the bins provided in the porch.
- Maximum safe capacity of church if all worshippers are from a different household: 47 (Max 2 per pew each separated by 1 metre). Maximum safe capacity of church if worshippers from the same household can sit together (Max 4 to a pew, 3 on the front pews): 79
- Please follow the one-way system & guidance in church.

Extra Care at Holy Communion

• Holy Communion takes place at the very end of Mass • Please remain in your seat until you are invited to go forward by a steward • Receiving Holy Communion should take place in silence, i.e. the communicant should not say 'Amen.' • Please unloop the face covering in order to receive Holy Communion & recover afterwards • The communicant is advised to place their hands stretched out flat • Following Holy Communion, please leave church promptly, not returning to your seat - those sitting on the left side pews/seats should leave by the left aisle/main front entrance door; those sitting on the right side pews/seats should leave by the right aisle/side entrance door • Please apply sanitiser on leaving the church.

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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6th June, 2021 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 13th June, 2021 – The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5th	6.30 pm	The Quinn Family
Sunday 6th	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	The Intentions of the Parish Priest
Wednesday 9th	10.30 am	John Brassell
Friday 11th (Sacred Heart)	10.30 am	The Parishioners
Saturday 12th	6.30 pm	Special Intention
Sunday 13th	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Leslie Burgess
Wednesday 16th	10.30 am	The Quinn Family
Thursday 17th	10.30 am	Thanksgiving
Saturday 19th	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 20th	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
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- (1) Confession available after any Mass please ask Father Anthony.
- (2) Church at one metre social distancing with compulsory face mask wearing please see all rules & guidance on adjacent page.

Bishop Sherrington issues statement opposing Assisted Dying Bill on behalf of the Bishops of England and Wales

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has issued a statement outlining the Catholic Church's opposition to a Bill that could make assisted dying legal in England and Wales.

The First reading of the Assisted Dying Bill, a Private Member's Bill introduced by Baroness Meacher, was debated in the House of Lords on 26 May 2021.

Statement

The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid 19 pandemic. In the face of much suffering and death, we have witnessed the extraordinary commitment of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have made a collective sacrifice this last year to protect the most vulnerable from the devastating impact of the Coronavirus. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the importance of proper love and care in the face of grave illness and in the last moments of life.

Against this backdrop of loving care and commitment, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. Tomorrow will see an 'Assisted Dying' Bill introduced into the House of Lords, by Baroness Meacher who seeks to alleviate the 'intolerable suffering' of terminally ill patients in England and Wales. Similar attempts to legalise assisted suicide in the UK, have overwhelmingly failed with the most recent Marris Bill defeated by a 330 to 118 majority at its second reading in the House of Commons in 2015.

The immense value of the sick person

Although this new Bill is framed as a compassionate response to those in the last stages of their life, such compassion must be denounced as 'false compassion' as Pope Francis reminds us. A "true compassion" he says, is "the just response to the immense value of the sick person." It finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care. This proposal would also fundamentally change the relationship between the doctor and the patient, as it would change to it from treatment and care to assisting another's death. Life is a gift to be valued and cherished until its last breath, through natural death, which opens into the promise of eternal life.

Opposing assisted suicide

The Catholic Church remains opposed to any form of assisted suicide and will examine this proposed legislation when it is published tomorrow. We reaffirm our support for high quality end-of-life care, which includes spiritual and pastoral support for the one who is dying and their family. The 'Day for Life', to be celebrated on Sunday, 20 June 2021 in England and Wales, will call Catholics to pray for good care of those who are elderly, sick and dying and to oppose such legislation.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Parish 150th Anniversary

There will be no Mass on Thursday next week in church – the Mass has been moved to Friday 11th June at 10.30 am as it is one of our parochial feasts, the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We originally planned to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the parish on this day with Bishop Mark. However, owing to the current restrictions in place, this is not possible. We are hoping to celebrate this anniversary again in July, when restrictions may be lifted. Further details will follow closer to the time.

Car Park Renewal 2021/2022

The renewal process for car park registrations was unable to take place over Christmas/New Year owing to the lockdown. All car park passes were renewed until 31st July 2021. Once the issue with the camera has been rectified over the coming weeks, we hope to start the renewal process. An announcement will be made in this newsletter when renewal forms are available.

<u>Yours prayers are asked for</u>...Joan Quinn, who is seriously ill in hospital. Please keep her in your prayers at this time.

Day For Men at Saint Joseph's, Stockport

A Covid-postponed event will be held at Saint Joseph's Church, Tatton Street, Stockport, SK1 1EJ from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm on Saturday 25th September 2021, hosted by the Men of St Joseph. The day will include breakfast and lunch. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies. There will be talks, testimonials, prayer, healing & reconciliation. A donation of £10 for the entire day is suggested. For more information, please contact: michaeltraceymosi@gmail.com

<u>Prayers for Priests Prayer Cards</u> are available at the back of church with prayers for priests from a recently established guild in a parish in the Diocese. Please feel free to take one.

Parentalk – A course for parents of teenagers

Have you been stuck at home with your teens and almost tearing your hair out OR have you learned so much more about your son/daughter over the last year? As we emerge from lockdown, why not take this opportunity to meet (in a Covid-safe environment) with other parents of teenagers, relax and share the realities of raising teens and the challenges faced. Parentalk is a DVD based Care for the Family resource (www.careforthefamily.org.uk). Each session will look at key issues and valuable principles to develop useful strategies. We look at such topics as:

How to stay connected and yet how to let go at the same time, how to communicate without conflict, how to make good choices under big pressures. There are fun parts and serious parts but plenty of time for discussion. Dates - Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm, 16th June - 21st July 2021 (Break on 30th June). Venue - Undercroft, United Reformed Church, Chapel Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 1PR. Cost: £15 per person or £25 per couple. (Please do not miss out if the cost is prohibitive but discuss alternative means with Lynne Leng). WHY NOT SIGN UP TODAY? Contact Lynne Leng by phone: 07870 959379 or email: lynne.leng@hotmail.com