

Car Park Renewal 2021/2022: Application Forms now available upon request

As you will be aware, owing to the pandemic, the 2020 permits were freely extended to 31st August 2021. Application forms to obtain a permit for 2021/2022 are now available upon request from the sacristy, after masses. The cost is still just £15 per vehicle. We appreciate this is not an ideal time to renew owing to the summer holiday period, however there is now a 6 week period from today to allow time to renew.

The new permits will be valid from September 2021 until the end of June 2022 (to avoid the future renewal period coinciding with the summer holidays).

If you do not apply and pay for a new permit, you will be removed from the system from 1st September 2021 and no longer be authorised to use the car park (except for attending mass).

Please note that applications to use the car park are open only to parishioners! They are not open to other family members or extended family (unless they too are parishioners). Please also note that only one form can be obtained for each parishioner applying and that each parishioner can only apply to use one vehicle.

A reminder of the other terms of use of the car park:

- (i) Please note that use of the car park during mass times is solely for the use of parishioners attending the mass and no other purpose.
- (ii) Use of the car park is for short periods only, to enable parishioners to do shopping. It is not for all-day use.
- (iii) It may be deemed necessary to place certain time restrictions on access to the car park, e.g. to give priority to funeral attendees, wedding attendees or at other times the parish priest deems fit. Any restrictions will be notified, where possible, via the parish newsletter and on site.
- (iv) When on foot, please use the pedestrian entry/exit gate as sign posted in the car park – DO NOT enter or exit the car park on foot through the vehicle entrance.

Please Pray for...the repose of the soul of Margaret Smith, who died recently. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will be in church on Wednesday 21st July at 10.00 am.

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies

"We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us."

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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18th July, 2021 – The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 17th	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 18th	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention
Monday 19th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 20th	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 21st	10.00 am	Requiem Mass for Margaret Smith
Thursday 22nd	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 23rd	10.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 24th	6.30 pm	The Parishioners
Sunday 25th	9.00 am	Celebrant's Intention
	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention

- (1) Weekday Mass now Mon-Fri and will be celebrated at 10.00 am for the present time.
- (2) Church now open daily for private prayer after Mass until late afternoon.
- (3) Confession available after any Mass – please ask Father Anthony.

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England

Sunday – it is our Day¹

On 19th July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement “The pandemic is not over.” Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship.

We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled The Day of the Lord. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: “The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives.”

May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of The Day of the Lord.

¹ St Jerome, In Die Dominica Paschae II

The Easing of Restrictions in the Parish

From Monday 19th July, the country will move to step 4 of the Covid-19 route map. This is a decisive step forward moving away from detailed regulation enforced by law to prudent local judgments.

Whilst it is no longer required to stay two metres apart from people you do not live with and there is no limit to the numbers you may meet, the guidance goes on to say “in order to minimise the risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the contact you have with those you do not usually live with and increase close contact gradually. This includes limiting the number, proximity and duration of social events.” This is a note of caution for us in returning to parish activities. There will no longer be restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship. This allows a return to pre-Covid-19 safety capacities whilst taking into account the guidance of the Bishops of England and Wales.

General guidance in church from 19th July:

- Please do not enter church if you are symptomatic.
- Please use hand sanitiser available at the entrance & exits doors of church.
- The wearing of face coverings is encouraged.
- Church stewarding will now end.
- Track/Trace: Parishioners are asked to take personal responsibility by way of scanning the QR code in the church porch on their phones – you will need to download the NHS Covid-19 App to do this.
- The holy water stoop remains unavailable at this time.
- All church pews to open. Socially distanced seating remains available in the two transepts.
- Church windows/doors will remain open to maintain good ventilation.
- Frequently touched areas will be cleaned regularly.

Liturgical Guidance in church from 19th July

- The physical sign of peace remains suspended in the Liturgy of Mass.
- Offertory collection – this will remain in baskets on the tables at the back of church for you to place donations in as you enter/leave church.
- Holy communion will continue under only one kind with no administration of the Chalice. Ministers are asked to sanitise their hands and wear face coverings as before. Holy Communion is still recommended on the hand, though all who wish to receive on the tongue may do so with special care being taken.
- There is no longer a requirement to have a one-way system or other restrictions on movement within our churches so Holy Communion will be administered at the usual time with parishioners able to return to their seats thereafter. People should exercise good responsible behaviour when moving to receive Holy Communion and should avoid getting too close to each other.