

General Guidance & Rules in the Parish

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:

- 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:

- 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.

Please Pray for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

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22nd August, 2021 – The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 21st	6.30 pm	Intentions of Felicity & Michael Cafferata
Sunday 22nd	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Intentions of Gerald Ramsden
Monday 23rd	10.00 am	For one sick (FM)
Tuesday 24th	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Wednesday 25th	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Thursday 26th	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Friday 27th	10.00 am	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Saturday 28th	6.30 pm	Intentions of the Parish Priest
Sunday 29th	9.00 am	The Parishioners
	10.30 am	Isabel Fredericks

(1) Mass on Monday at 10 am, Eucharistic services only from Tuesday – Friday at 10 am.

(2) Church open daily for private prayer after Mass until late afternoon.

Pope: 'Personal responsibility key to improving post-pandemic world' (via Vatican News)

Pope Francis sent his well-wishes to participants in the Rimini Meeting for Friendship amongst Peoples, calling them to be courageous in seeking Christ-filled paths to start again after the pandemic.

The Pope extended his greetings to participants in the "Meeting for Friendship amongst Peoples" taking place in the Italian city of Rimini on 20-25 August. He also expressed his joy that the meeting is once again being held in-person after last year's Covid-related online hiatus.

Courage to say 'I'

Pope Francis focused his message on the 42nd meeting's theme: "The courage to say 'I'", a saying from Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard. He said the saying is helpful as the world seeks "to start off again on the right foot, so as not to waste the opportunity provided by the crisis of the pandemic." Starting again, he added, requires everyone to have the courage to take risks, calling it an act of freedom. "Despite imposing physical distancing, the pandemic has placed the person, the "I" of each person, back at the centre, in many cases provoking a reawakening of fundamental questions about the meaning of existence and the utility of living that had been dormant or, worse still, censored for too long."

Person at heart of society

Pope Francis said the pandemic has reminded people of the need for personal responsibility, to which many have given witness in various situations. "Faced with sickness and pain, faced with the emergence of a need, many people unflinchingly said: 'Here I am.'" The Pope added that people are at the heart of society, and that without the person, society is merely a casual aggregation of beings. The end result of this situation would be a society based solely on self-centeredness and greed.

Responsibility, not egoism

In the wake of the pandemic, said Pope Francis, all people must take up their own responsibilities in order to serve others, especially public authorities. "What is needed above all is someone who has the courage to say "I" with responsibility and not with selfishness, communicating with his or her own life that the day can begin with reliable hope."

Courage in Christ

However, noted the Pope, it takes courage to say 'I' responsibly, and only in the power of the Holy Spirit can we find our true compass. "The filial relationship with the eternal Father, which is made present in persons reached and changed by Christ, gives consistency to the self, freeing it from fear and opening it to the world with a positive attitude."

St. Peter offers a prime example, said Pope Francis. He was a fearful man—a coward even—until he was filled with the Holy Spirit and learned to speak courageously about Jesus to his contemporaries. "The profound reason for the courage of the Christian is Christ. It is the Risen Lord who is our security, who makes us experience profound peace even in the midst of life's storms."

Joy of the Gospel

The Pope concluded his message urging participants in the Rimini friendship meeting to be filled with the joy of the Gospel. He called them to be courageous in discovering new ways of living the faith, while including all people, "because the horizon of faith in Christ is the entire world."

Father Anthony Absence Next Week

As stated last week, after Mass on Monday morning, Father Anthony will temporarily be away from the parish to undergo short term inpatient treatment. There will be Eucharistic services from Tuesday to Friday in his absence, but he should be available to say the weekend's Masses. In case of any emergency, please contact Michael Marsden on 07966-98-98-41.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

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.

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 also note that parking in St. Teresa's car park is done so at the owner's risk.

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies

"We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for both the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us"