

19TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

The Cathedral of St John the Baptist

9th August 2020

Year A · Weekday II · Psalter Week 3

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The Cathedral is open daily 0730 until 1830

Celebrant's Intention

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Sunday 9th August 19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	0900 · Mass 1100 · Mass 1300 · Mass (<i>in Polish</i>) 1630 · Vespers & Benediction 1645 · Confessions 1730 · Mass	Peace among nations Vincent Catalan + Pandemic victims +
Monday 10th August S LAURENCE	0730 · Mass 1000 · Mass	Arthur Betts + Adela & Efren Alfonso
Tuesday 11th August S Clare	1000 · Mass 1900 · Mass (<i>followed by adoration</i>) 1930 · Confessions	For couples preparing for marriage Private intention
Wednesday 12th August S Jane Frances de Chantal	0730 · Mass 1000 · Mass	Holy Souls For vocations
Thursday 13th August Ss Pontian & Hyppolytus	1000 · Mass 1900 · Mass	Peter & Jo Clare (<i>Diamond Wedding</i>) The Parish Sick
Friday 14th August S Maximilian Kolbe	0730 · Mass 1000 · Mass	Ethel Wilkinson + For prisoners of conscience
Saturday 15th August BVM	1000 · Mass (<i>followed by adoration</i>) 1030 · Confessions 1745 · Confessions 1800 · Mass 1845 · Confessions	Doreen & Francis Mason + In thanksgiving for end of the war
Sunday 16th August ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (TRANSFERRED)	0900 · Mass 1100 · Mass 1300 · Mass (<i>in Polish</i>) 1630 · Vespers & Benediction 1645 · Confessions 1730 · Mass	Banham + For the people Thomas Leverage

Prayers for the sick: Canon Paul, Fr John Warrington, Peter Warrington, Paul Horan, Liam McKenna, Philippa Barnes, Anthony Preston, Nancy Horner, Joan Marshall, Wood Family, Eleanor Bray, Lily Reid, Joe Heaney, Nina Strivens, Mary Ward, Dianne Yeadon, Chris Gillham, Peter Willets, Justina Adamska, Reece Sales, Nicholle Sales, Amanda Caistor, Patrick Champion and Brian Whitlam [GDPR compliant] **Going into hospital?** Please let us know. Fr Leo is the hospital chaplain.

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FACE COVERINGS

From this weekend, it is obligatory in civil law to wear a face mask in enclosed spaces, including in the Cathedral Church and Narthex.

Persons under 11 and other persons for reasons of disability, physical or mental illness or for other reasons are exempted from wearing a mask. Some disabilities are invisible; it's important that we are all welcome in God's Holy House.

A face mask – or face covering – is a covering of the mouth and nose which remains in place without the use of hands.

CONTINUED GUIDANCE

The priest celebrant himself is exempted from wearing a mask for the actual celebration of the Mass (and other liturgies at a distance from the assembly), except if he is to distribute Holy Communion, when he will wear a mask.

We have an absolute maximum capacity of **250** persons.

We advise all visitors to apply **hand sanitiser** upon entering and leaving the Cathedral.

For Holy Communion, **please approach in single file**, not in two queues, and remain distanced from others. **Please leave Mass in a slow and orderly manner.**

At Mass, readers are able to remove their masks while they are reading.

In the **confessional**, hand sanitiser and viricidal spray is available; the priest will ask you to spray the interior of the confessional with viricide ready for the next penitent. You can request confession reasonably at other times, if you would rather meet outside.

GIFT AID & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

At the back of the Cathedral Church, our gift aid envelopes are available for collection. Please be mindful of not crowding around this area immediately before or after Mass.

You may wish to ask a steward to help you.

You can put everything into one or two envelopes, rather than using each envelope from the previous few months, if you would like to make any back-payment donations for missed weeks.

Donations made online on our website and in the Rotunda may also be subject to gift aid.

Donations can be made at any time by putting your offering in the pillar box at the back of the Cathedral Church. You do not have to make your Sunday offering on Sunday itself, especially if you are going at a different day of the week at the moment.

Thank you for your continued support!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This summer, 102 of our children have been unable to receive their First Holy Communion in the usual way. Gradually over the next few weeks, our children will be able to receive the Blessed Sacrament for the first time during Sunday and weekday Masses. If this is the case at a particular Mass, some benches towards the front will be reserved. We welcome our children and families back, and please remember them in your prayers.

If you would like to register your child to receive their first Holy Communion **next year**, please contact Jo at stjohnfhc@gmail.com. The way we do this will be changing this year, and we will be starting our teaching in January.

The clergy were not aware until recently that the **loop system** is not working. Now that we have been told, it should be fixed as soon as possible. **We apologise for the distress or confusion caused for some of you.**

The **Justice and Peace Group** invite you to pray with us this month for our twinned project in **Tambogrande**, Peru. As a country, Peru has been hard hit by Covid 19. Many people in Tambogrande have little access to healthcare and running water into their homes, which can make infection control much more difficult. For further information about the group please feel free to contact Sarah Ebelewicz on scmebelewicz@hotmail.com.

The **Duckett Library** is closed to visitors but there is a box for returned books outside the library door. If you need to borrow books, please contact us by email (duckettlibrary@sjbcathedral.org) with details and we can arrange issue and collection. We hope to reopen in September.

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 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

Narthex Shop – the Narthex remains closed at this time for obvious reasons.

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Sunday 16th August this year. **The 15th August is not a Holyday of Obligation this year.**

The Assumption also marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Pray for the war dead, and all those killed in that horrific conflict, and pray for all those who live in conflict situations today. As Our Lady brought peace to the world on her feast in 1945, may she do so today for all nations.

Parishioner Terrence Burgon died recently. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday. Those able to attend funerals are limited, but please keep him in your prayers.