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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11/12 July 2020

Saturday 11th July
St Benedict, Abbot
Patron of Europe

5.30pm For families, children
and young people

Sunday 12th July

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am People of the parish
10am For Yemen
12 noon For Syria

Monday 13th July

9.30am Michael Crehan RIP
(T Crehan)

Tuesday 14th July

Margaret Goode RIP (Anniv)
NO PUBLIC MASS

Wednesday 15th July
St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

Silver wedding -
Dominick & Juliet Martins
NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 16th July
Nigel Brennan RIP
(Murphy family)
NO PUBLIC MASS

Friday 17th July
7pm Canon Christopher Tuckwell
RIP

Saturday 18th July
5.30pm For a vaccine for the
virus

Sunday 19th July
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Dominican intention
10am For those who are alone
and isolated
12noon People of the parish

Masses: back in church-receiving Christ in the Eucharist

Last weekend went well. Thank you for all the help and co-operation given by so many especially the team who prepared the church and who continue to 'care'. For the time being - there will be an opportunity for a **Sunday Mass on Fridays at 7pm; Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm, Sunday at 8am, 10am (and for the remaining Sundays of July- 11th, 18th and 25th) an EXTRA Mass at 12noon. Monday at 9.30pm will also be a Sunday celebration.**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be **no public Masses** - and currently no early morning Saturday Mass. At the moment, most of life seems to be provisional - it is the same in church I am afraid. We will continue to live-stream the 10am Sunday Mass. The deep desirable call is to return to Mass in church, but there remain pastoral circumstances which are well-served by the on-line liturgy. Let us all remain united in faith and prayer- especially for those who suffer in any way. God bless you.

Father Michael

Access to live streaming <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2539625604>

15th Sunday of the Year: the parable of the sower

A longer gospel with some deep explanation by Jesus. Brothers and sisters, we want to be rich soil receiving the Word of God; producing a harvest of hope and faith. There is nothing mean about the Lord. He does not scatter the seed as a controlled experiment. Each of us knows in our own way- the generosity of God. Gratitude fills our hearts even in these challenging times.

Safety & Other Arrangements for each Mass

- A one-way pedestrian traffic flow system is now in operation with access by the Doors of Welcome (closest to the Car Park) and exit by the Double Doors closest to the Presbytery.
- The pews designated into Family or Singles/Couples seating in a 2-metre spacing system,
- All those attending Mass must fill in their name and contact details on forms provided in the Porch before entering; for possible later contact tracing by the Health Authorities, under the Government's Test & Trace regime.
- Mass will be different with the distribution of Holy Communion the last rite of each Mass. On receiving Holy Communion, Parishioners will then exit the Church.

- The Toilet will not be in use.
- It is advisable that you bring and wear your own face mask throughout the Mass.
- Hand sanitizer gel is available on both entry and exit for Parishioner use.
- The collection will be taken as Parishioners leave the Church.
- Please note, Parishioners should attend only one Mass over the extended weekend,
- At all the Masses, the Marshals on duty will be instructed to not allow people in after the first 42 places have been taken. The allocation of the 42 places is on a 'First come, First Served' basis,
- Also, if you are feeling unwell, please stay at home and do not come to Church.

Catch up NEWS and ADVICE

1. The guidelines for opening up churches for Mass suggests that individuals should bring and wear their own FACE MASK.
2. This week - the priests and pastoral workers of Harrow Deanery will meet here in Stanmore; using our hall on Monday 13 July - for a meeting (after a long time) ending with a sandwich lunch at 1pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Father Michael writes - 'Over the weeks of the lockdown, individuals have asked for Confession. Usually we have met in the church carpark where, weather permitting, I have been able to share with them the gift of God's mercy. The guidelines suggest that enclosed areas like Confessional boxes should not be used currently. Let me make an offer! Saturday mornings - between 11 and 12noon. I will be under the canopy outside the church hall. Please come and sit on the provided chair (or stand). Take the open-air opportunity - to receive the open and generous offer from God through His Sacrament of Penance. We will try this for the next two Saturdays 18th and 25th July.

A United Nations resolution- mentioned frequently by Pope Francis.

The Secretary General of the UN has issued a plea for a UNIVERSAL CEASEFIRE in every place of conflict-worldwide – for 90 days. Pope Francis has been calling for the same right from the beginning of the pandemic - 'in the face of the virus - we beg the proponents of war and the those who supply the death-trade of arms - to step back and promote a 90-day cessation of death and conflict.'

Hard times for everyone

Father Michael writes - "I am very aware of the financial challenges- so many of you are facing- dear brothers, sisters and families. Tough times ahead too. Thank you to those who have continued to support the parish in a full and regular way. Of course there have been no collections for many weeks, leaving a huge hole in parish income. Perhaps more fortunate parishioners might be able to make a larger one-off donation and/or increase regular giving. We hope to have the boxes of individual weekly envelopes available soon.

From Chris Fanning, Diocesan Parish Surveyor

The Insurance Company have accepted a request from the Structural Engineer appointed to review the cracking to appoint a company to undertake a further invasive investigation to understand more about the ground below the church floor. This should be completed in a few weeks. Following this the Consultants will meet to discuss what remedial work is required and to present this for agreement with the Insurance Company.

Counters Rota

19 July Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
26 July Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Martin Rush