

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lately dead: **Nora Bridget Hunt Terry**

May she rest in peace

Anniversaries:

Billy Yip, Georgia Perera, Nancy Cunningham, Ellen McMurdoch, Leslie Harriss, Annie Bartley, Winnie Wilcox, Joan Collins, Gerald Vassallo, Sister Sheila O'Rourke, Sister Lucille Gicquel, Nancy Glynn, Mary Lee, Laura Telford, Madelaine Crafer, Stanley Western, Olivia (Eve) Begley, Julian Roja-Figueiredo, Sr Mary Keane, Sister Gemma Rafferty, Philip Parchment, Ernesto Loiacono, Lynn Chaplin, Joseph Marie, Lilia Armenia De Sa.

During the heating project the Church is temporarily closed except for Funerals.

Mass is live streamed & recorded as follows:

Monday 8am

Wednesday 8am

Friday 8am

Saturday 10am

Sunday 10am

Prayer of spiritual communion (St Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



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Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) 14th March 2021

The first word of today's Entrance Antiphon is "Rejoice" – in Latin, *Laetare*; and so this Sunday has traditionally been known as "Laetare Sunday".

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Israel's sinfulness brings destruction on Jerusalem and years of exile; the Lord's intervention, though Persian king Cyrus, brings an end to exile and offers the possibility of homecoming.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:2-10

We are God's "work of art"; though marred by sin, we are restored as a new creation through God's loving goodness, shown in Christ.

Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus, hanging lifeless on a cross, is the supreme sign that he came into our world out of love and in order to save us.

Responsorial Psalm

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!



Heating installation

The heating installation in the church is now complete. The church was “handed over” to us last Tuesday to the admiration and satisfaction of all. We will not immediately feel the full benefit because it will be some time before the boiler room is stripped out and rebuilt. But there is a steady background heat even on the coldest days. I recommend that when you return to church next week you do continue to come well wrapped-up. For it seems that ventilation is one of the best means of keeping the dreaded covid away. All the church windows will be wide open. Summer come quickly, with an end to the menace that hangs over us!



Services resume at St Thomas

We start next Saturday 20th with mass at 10am and 6pm. We are starting gradually with the expectation that we will find the best way to make real mass available to as many as possible. So watch this space for any changes to the pattern revealed here today.

The Journey of Faith

Alas it is not possible to give the sacraments to our Journey-ers at the Easter Vigil. On Instructions from Rome all the lovely Holy Week services are severely curtailed this year for safety reasons. So we have postponed this important event to May 22nd when we hope it will be possible to celebrate it royally and follow with a barbeque.

Preparation for Holy Communion

On Saturday the first group of candidates came and made their first confession. We hope to accommodate all the others quite shortly. Many are asking: When will the First Communion masses begin? As with so many things it is impossible to say. But we press on with the preparation, hoping to add some zoom meetings in the next few weeks. The parish is now equipped to host a zoom meeting and the facility is proving a great boon to the confirmation candidates. I am sure that together we can prepare all the children to begin receiving Jesus in the summer. They will have learnt enough to begin. It is the regular practice following the First that matters. Over to you.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 14th March

People of the parish
Annie Long anniversary
Kevin Hopkins RIP

Today we salute all mothers and recognise the magnificent part the play in building God's world. Our parish is much enriched by the example of dedication they give us, and their contribution to all levels of parish life. May you have a happy day and sense of our appreciation.

Monday 15th March

Liz Browne RIP
Victor Mould RIP
Holy souls

Tuesday 16th March

Mary Lee
Kathleen Kennedy RIP
Paula Weddle

Wednesday 17th March

George Leworthy RIP
Philip McKenna RIP
Trinity intentions

Thursday 18th March

Stubbings family thanks
Angelo Focarazzo RIP
Ron Monk RIP

Funeral Alan Norris

Friday 19th March

Patricia Bell RIP
Kathleen Selby RIP
Eamonn Monaghan RIP

Saturday 20th March

Peter & Petrina Stubbings
Jacqueline Dodd RIP
Mae McLoughlin RIP

Sunday 21st March

People of the parish
Michael Carrig RIP
Esther Sheahan

Church reopening timetable With effect from 20th March

All our services are live streamed

Monday & Wednesday

Open for 10am Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8am Mass no public
live streamed ONLY and recorded

Saturday

Open for Mass at 10am & 6pm
Booking required

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saturday-10am-mass-reservation-tickets-145443083177> - Saturday 10am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124524627513> - Saturday Evening Mass

Sunday

Open for Mass at 9am & 11am
Mass at 11am will be recorded
Booking required

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/124234894915> - Sunday Masses

Remember Keep safe – keep others safe

Please wear a facemask, sanitise your hands, observe appropriate distancing & follow the instructions of the Stewards