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ST. CATHARINE OF ALEXANDRIA FROME & ST. DOMINIC'S CHAPEL MELLS

18TH OCTOBER 2020

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Please be aware that only those Masses specified are open for attendance.

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES, UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE, WILL BE LIVE STREAMED FROM OUR WEBSITE
WWW.STCATHARINES.CO.UK.

THEY WILL ALSO BE SAVED AFTERWARDS, SO YOU CAN ACCESS AT ANY TIME THAT SUITS YOU BEST.

St. Catharine's is open for private prayer on Mondays 7-8pm. This may be subject to change, so please check here before visiting.

OPENING THE CHURCH FOR PUBLIC MASS

All Sunday 11am Masses will be open for attendance; this Mass will continue to be streamed. At Holy Communion, the camera will be focused on the tabernacle. People's faces may be seen, albeit very briefly, only if they return to their seats by passing the tabernacle, so with masks raised again, people should not be easily recognised if that is a concern to anybody.

The 5.30pm Masses on Saturdays are not being streamed. We have also been able to open the 7pm Mass on Wednesday evenings. All the Masses opened for attendance have only been made possible thanks to our volunteer stewards coming forward to facilitate this. **Apart from those granted an exemption in law, it is currently mandatory, for all to wear masks throughout all Masses.** If you wish to attend a Mass, and if spaces permit, on which the stewards will supervise and advise, please sanitise your hands as you enter the building. Please also see the booking system mentioned below. A steward will also ask for names and contact numbers of each household or, if singly, each person attending; this is to facilitate a track and trace system if, God forbid, anything develops. I beg your cooperation on this point. The available benches are clearly defined to promote the 1 metre+ rule of social distancing. The benches are intended for either a household unit to sit together, or for an individual. (Family members can only sit together if they reside at the same household.) Masks can only be lowered to receive Holy Communion; after you have received Holy Communion you should immediately replace your mask and return directly to your own bench as guided, to help maintain the social distance. For all our Masses, Deacon David or Richard Mills will be administering Holy Communion under the form of the Sacred Host only. We give thanks to God that, thus far, our efforts to be Covid secure have been successful, and we pray that we can continue to provide a safe worshipping environment.

The new rule of six does not alter our internal seating arrangements, detailed in the box below. However, it does limit our ability to meet outside before and after Mass.

God bless, Fr Richard.

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Sunday 18th October 11.00am Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (People of the Parish)

OPEN

FOR ATTENDANCE.

Monday 19th October 11.30am Requiem Mass for Mary Connolly RIP

Tuesday 20th October No Mass

Wednesday 21st October 7.00pm Weekday in Ordinary Time **OPEN FOR ATTENDANCE.**

Thursday 22nd October 10.00am Weekday in Ordinary Time

Friday 23rd October 11.00am Weekday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 24th October 11.00am Weekday in Ordinary Time

5.30pm First Mass of Sunday: **OPEN FOR ATTENDANCE.** Not streamed.

TICKETS FOR MASSES THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In order to be in line with regulations, it is necessary to limit attendance at public Masses to 13 households (who must all live together). To achieve this we are introducing a booking system. You will only need to book 1 ticket per household.

To book tickets for Saturday 5.30pm Mass the link is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saturday-evening-mass-tickets-122689753355> and to book for Sunday 11.00am Mass the link is <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-morning-mass-tickets-122690347131>. You can also access a link, which will take you direct to the Eventbrite booking system, through our website (www.stcatharines.co.uk). If you have any queries, please contact Deacon David Brinn. **If you know anybody who does not have access to the internet, please advise them to contact Deacon David's mobile number if they wish to request a booking; they should leave a message if Deacon David isn't able to answer.**

Please note: All who are attending Mass will need to wear a face covering at all times within the church.

There will be no toilet facilities available.

Please arrive by 5:15pm on Saturday and 10.45am on Sunday, to allow time for stewards to show you to your seats.

You will be required to give your name and telephone number on arrival in case this is needed for "Track and Trace". This will be stored in the parish office and destroyed after 21 days.

Please note - Sunday obligation does not currently apply, and, as we can accommodate only 13 households, we ask that you do not, at this present time, book every week, so that we can give as many people as possible the chance to attend Mass. Bookings remain open until 5pm on Saturday so you can check if any spaces remain on Saturday afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to welcoming you to St Catharine's again.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AT ST. DOMINIC'S CHAPEL, MELLS - All Masses are suspended until further notice.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

I am saddened that I cannot, at this time, receive You sacramentally.

I welcome you spiritually into my heart.

I embrace your presence within me.

Please keep me and all my loved ones safe in your embrace; help me and them to avoid anything that may lead us to turn away from You or each other.

Amen.

SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS – In the light of the restrictions imposed because of the Coronavirus you are reminded that the obligation to attend Sunday and Holyday Masses has ceased because of difficulties and limitations surrounding attendance.

YEAR OF COMMUNION – Jesus is very clear that we are called to serve God and be a good citizen at the same time. God works in and through every stratum of society to build community. We are instruments of God's love and desire for unity. Rarely, except in situations of social justice, do we find ourselves in conflict with what the law asks of us and what our conscience is telling us. When we do, we must speak out, but with compassion, with love and with respect. God needs each one of us to serve the wider community, to build relationships wherever we are. Witnessing to God's presence by my own life gives dignity and worth to those around me.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER – Evangelisation: The Laity's Mission in the Church

That by virtue of baptism, the laity faithful, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK - this week there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday on behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

MASS AT ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO FOR THE LGBT+ COMMUNITY, FAMILY, FRIENDS - the monthly Mass at St Nicholas of Tolentino for the LGBT+ community, family, friends and allies has now resumed. As previously, they are held at 3pm on the third Sunday of each month, which means there will be a Mass today at 3pm. These Masses are also now being livestreamed and then made available as recordings, for the benefit of those unable to join us in person. The livestream can be accessed via a link on the parish website <https://tolentino.org.uk>

CCS ADOPTION CHRISTMAS CARDS – for those of you who are interested in purchasing Christmas cards from CCS Adoption you can order on their website <https://ccsadoption.org/support-us/shop-and-sell/> or to use their e-cards visit: <https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecard/zcQk>.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS - During October, which is World Mission Month, Missio wish to promote Children's Activity sheets which help children to follow the Gospel and show how missionaries they help overseas are doing what Jesus asks of us. In addition, they wish to encourage families to understand how they belong to the Universal Church, God's worldwide family, where everyone has a part to play – no matter how young or small they are. The sheets for the next three Sundays are accessible via a link <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/home-and-parish-resources/>.

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2020 MONTHLY NATIONAL DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE - "Tuesday 27th October is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com"

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CLIFTON DIOCESE AND DOWNSIDE ABBEY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 28 JULY TO 6 AUGUST 2021

Father Colin Mason, who is the Vocations Director for Clifton Diocese, will be one of the Spiritual Directors on next year's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This is the third such trip which has been designed specifically for young UK Catholic adults in the age range 18 to 35ish. In addition to celebrating Mass at some of the Holiest places on Earth, exploring places mentioned in the Bible and other historic sites, we also have a lot of fun! Imagine swimming in the Dead Sea, rafting down the Jordan River, and camping out in the Judean Desert! To get a better idea of what it will be like, please check out YouCAN Instagram handle [youngcatholicadultnetworkuk](https://www.instagram.com/youngcatholicadultnetworkuk). You can also see pics of last year's trip at <https://youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk/>

In our present situation we are just asking for a £150 reservation fee to gauge interest, returnable should we decide, for whatever reason, not to go. About a third of the places have already been booked. Contact the organiser rina@youngcatholicadultnetwork.uk for Itinerary, pricing and booking form. Hope that you can make it!

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH - if you would like to make a donation to our parish during this time, you can still do so using the donate button on our website. We are also now able to take donations over the telephone using credit or debit cards. If you would like to use this option please email Anna with your name and contact number (email address below) or call the parish office on 01373 462705 and leave your name and telephone number. Another alternative is by cheque payable to "St Catharine's Parish, Frome" posted to the presbytery or dropped through the letterbox. Please do not feel under any pressure to do so, however; we know that this current crisis brings different struggles to all of us, and financial constraints can be one of them. Our sincere thanks to those who have been able to make donations.

CONFESSIONS: Dear parishioners, the fact that we remain required to exercise social distancing and some of us to exercise self-isolation, has made Sacramental Confession impossible to access. Below is an act of contrition especially suitable in the case of not being able to celebrate this Sacrament at this time.

However, I am available to hear open air confession (weather permitting) at a safe distance for those who request it, ideally in a garden which is not susceptible to "overhearing" ears. To make your request, you can either email me, or 'phone the parish number; if there is no reply, simply leave a message for me to ring back, leaving your own 'phone number; you don't need to give the reason for the call! Obviously, this will not suit those who are very hard of hearing, which would need me to raise my voice and thus run the risk of being overheard; that is the best I can offer right now. If your garden is suitable, I can come to your garden if it has access separate from going through your home, or you can come to my garden. Since first writing this, those who have taken up this offer have had happy and successful experiences of open air confession. God bless, Fr. Richard.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease Thee, my God, Who art so deserving of all my love for Thy infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly purpose, by Thy holy grace, never more to offend Thee, to avoid all occasions of sin, and to amend my life. Amen. I further resolve and promise to go to Sacramental Confession as soon as practicably possible."