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

25TH JULY 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

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.

The church is now open for private prayer on Monday evenings and for Masses where indicated. All will be streamed on our website unless indicated by *

Sunday 25th July 11.00am Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (People of the Parish) **OPEN**

Monday 26th July No Mass 7-8pm Church open for prayer. * **OPEN**

Tuesday 27th July No Mass

Wednesday 28th July 7.00pm Weekday in Ordinary Time **OPEN** (In thanksgiving)

Thursday 29th July 10.00am Memorial of Saint Martha (Tony O'Brien RIP)

Friday 30th July 11.00am Weekday in Ordinary Time (Michael O'Brien RIP)

Saturday 31st July 11.00am Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Willy and Pius Ulmann RIP)

5.30pm First Mass of Sunday **OPEN ***

ST. DOMINIC'S CHAPEL, MELLS – Sunday 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.

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UPDATE ON PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT MASS AND PRAYER: We have now discontinued the booking system for attending Masses. **We strongly urge people to wear masks at least on arrival and when walking within the church**, even if they remove them whilst in their benches. The members of the congregation will differ in their personal needs and feelings about mask wearing; **let us be considerate of one another.** For the same reason, we still need to be aware of people's space and desire for some social distance. Hand sanitizer will still be available at the church. Let us not fool ourselves, we are not out of the woods yet!

In an attempt to open up more seating and offer some more flexibility at St. Catharine's, the church will be in two sections. The left hand side as you enter will no longer have cordons and thus offer greater flexibility of seating. The right hand side as you enter will maintain the cordons for those who seek the reassurance that they may offer them. We are trying to move forward at a cautious pace and this will be assessed and reviewed. Listing our presence on entry, for track and trace purposes, is still available; it is optional but advisable and only those who use it can be contacted should it ever be necessary. Likewise, we have obtained QR tracing posters for those who wish to scan them into their track and trace apps on arrival to church. It may be a late addition, but is possibly even more advisable with things opening up and the removal of legally enforceable restrictions.

There has been discussion about Mass times and the result is: **Operative from now, the Sunday morning Mass at St. Catharine's will stay at 11am.** No time is ideal for everybody, but 11am does offer people who may have different struggles in the mornings to have time to get ready and attend. Also, it gives extra time to those in care homes etc. who may wish to access the livestream. **The Saturday 5.30pm Mass will remain, and the Sunday 5.30pm Mass will be discontinued.** These times are hoped to maximize the chances of finding a supply celebrant in times of priestly absence or sickness. This will be assessed after about a year before any changes are considered, to allow any further changes to be put into the annual diocesan directory as a more permanent fixture. **St. Catharine's daily Masses have always had to have some flexibility of timing, but we will maintain as far as possible the Wednesday 7pm Mass.** It is aimed, from the beginning of September, to also have Thursday mornings at 9.30am, Friday mornings at 11am and Saturday mornings at 9.30am, but these may change and advertised in the bulletin if circumstances demand it. All these will be open for attendance. It is hoped to have a new confessional schedule on Saturdays: that following the 9.30am Mass the church will remain open and confessions will commence at 11am until 11.30am or until those seeking confession at this time have been accommodated. Until it is safer to do so, confessions will be heard either in the church or in the sacristy until the confinement of the confessional poses less of a viral threat.

At St. Dominic's in Mells, starting from the first weekend in September, the Sunday morning Mass will resume at the **new time of 9.30am.** There will also be a weekday Mass at 6pm on Wednesday evenings. These, too, will be subject to review if or when necessary.

SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY OBLIGATIONS – 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. You will be informed if, or when, this might change.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Unfortunately, it is not safe to hear confessions within the confines of the confessional. However, Fr. Richard is happy for people to make an appointment for confession sitting in the church at a social distance. Please either email him at: frome.frrichard@cliftondiocese.com or 'phone him on (01373) 462705. If there is no reply, please simply leave a message asking for him to call you back; there is no need to say what it is about, leaving your number. If you choose to ring, please speak slowly as the line is not always the clearest. Thank you.

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.

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 "Parish of St. Catharine 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.

PRAYERS FROM RIGHT TO LIFE - "For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us".

MESSAGES FROM CAFOD

FAMILY PRAYER RESOURCES FOR SUMMER - We will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. This will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

SEASON OF CREATION - we have resources for the Season of Creation and our Harvest Fast Day (Friday 1st October) appeal will feature some of our work in the Amazon. Join us in praying the joyful mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we seek to nourish our commitment to care for the earth. This will be available from September at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

LAUDATO SI' ENCYCLICAL RESOURCES - this link (www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical) will take you to the page on our website with a range of resources around Laudato Si', to study, reflect, pray and take action.

LIVESIMPLY AWARD one of our most popular community activities is our live simply award (www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Livesimply-award). This award is given to parishes and communities that have taken significant steps to respond to the Church's call to live simply.

SYNOD - We will be holding online sessions, open to all with experts sharing what is synod, why it is important and how parish communities are participating. All are welcome to join these sessions. Our first session on Tuesday 27 July at 7pm will feature a conversation with Christopher Lamb, Rome correspondent for The Tablet, about why Pope Francis is inviting us all to participate in the synod. Please go to www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Synod to book onto the session.

Many Catholic parishioners have been responding to Pope Francis' call for a better kind of politics and meeting their MPs this summer. If you supported one of these CAFOD meetings, calling for more action to tackle the climate crisis and to help the poorest countries cope with the pandemic, thank you. Thank you also if you are supporting our petition to the Prime Minister.

Thank you once again for your leadership and commitment to working in solidarity with people in need of support. Whether that's in support of our Fast Days or Emergency appeals, our advocacy campaigns or for holding us and our work in your prayers.

MARRIAGE MASS - Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2 October (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. Please see the poster below for more information and contact details.

ADULT EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION



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"Every encounter with Christ, who in sacraments gives us salvation, invites us to 'go' and communicate to others the salvation that we have been able to see, to touch, to encounter and to receive and which is truly credible because it is love."

Pope Francis, General Audience, 6 November 2013

Join Bishop Declan for Mass in the Cathedral as we celebrate the gift that is Marriage on Saturday 2 October at 12noon.

All are welcome.

If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, newly married, or looking forward to marriage in 2021, then please contact us: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 902 5595.



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