

## LATEST GUIDANCE ON CHURCH WORSHIP

A note of what is happening from 19 July:

You'll be aware from recent government announcements that most Covid-related restrictions are due to be lifted nationally from Monday 19 July.

Our Church volunteers who have kept us all safe at Mass over the last 12 months have now met to discuss and agree what changes we should make to arrangements for Mass at our Church and over what period.

In view of the rising number of cases of Covid nationally, high incidence locally and the fact that until Sunday 8 August we will only be celebrating one Mass on a Sunday, **we have decided to keep existing arrangements in place for the time being.**

We are due to review this again at the beginning of August once we move back to 3 Masses per week. This means that:

- Booking is still essential for Sunday morning Mass, so that we can manage the numbers and ensure safe capacity
- We request that everyone continues to wear a mask in Church for their own and fellow worshippers' protection
- We will continue to operate a seating plan for Sunday morning Mass, that takes account of a continuing need for social distancing inside Church
- You will be invited to sanitise on entry to Church and prior to Communion please
- Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed for the time being.
- Private prayer will also continue in the meantime on Saturday mornings.

We hope you will continue to feel safe coming to Holy Mass and to continue to support our volunteers in the tremendous efforts they are making on all our behalf.

We are pleased to be able to re-introduce votive candles at the back of Church, from this weekend, that can be lit during Saturday Private Prayer or after Holy Mass.

**HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS:-** You can book from the Facebook 'BOOK NOW' button or by using the links shown below **or you can book by telephone: 07885 134 115.**

To find St George's page on YouTube, follow the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY2FMKcf74iHMs4i77H4GA/>

### Links for Mass

Sunday 25 July 10.30: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163571830749>

Sunday 1 August 10.30: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163573419501>

Sunday 8 August 10.30: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163573796629>

Sunday 8 August 18.30: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163574518789>

Wednesday Mass will resume on 12 August



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**SUNDAY 18 July 2021<->SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME<->YEAR B Office Week 3**

*Month of the Precious Blood*

**Sunday Mass 10.30am/6.30pm Wednesday Mass 9.30am (*see notice below*)**

**Confessions first Saturday of the month, 10.30-11.30 in the Sacristy**  
(at other times on request - ring Fr Jerry to make an appointment)

**Booking essential for all Masses – see opposite page for details**

**READINGS TODAY:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

**NEXT SUNDAY:** II Kings 44:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:15

**THIS WEEK: NO WEDNESDAY MASS**

Tuesday: St Apollinarius, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St Mary Magdalene, *Apostle to the Apostles*, FEAST

Friday: 11.00am Funeral Mass for Monsignor Seamus Kilbane  
(invitation only, live-streamed)

Saturday: St Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

*The church is open for private prayer on Saturdays, 10am-noon. We request that everyone continues to wear a mask in Church for their own and fellow worshippers' protection.*

• Canon Jerry will be taking a well-earned break to Ireland from 18 July so Canon Harney has very kindly agreed to say Mass for us each Sunday morning until Canon Jerry returns to say Mass on Sunday 8 August. **There will be no midweek Mass or Sunday evening Mass in this period until Wednesday 11 August and Sunday 8 August respectively.**

• We all wish Canon Jerry a very restful and restorative break with his family in Ireland.



**Seamus Kilbane RIP**

Seamus was born in Mount Bellew, County Galway on 28 July 1930. He went to St Patrick's Seminary in Thurles and was ordained on 10 June 1956. His first parish as a curate was at Corpus Christi in Hull from 1956 to 1960. He was moved to St Peter's in South Bank as a curate from 1960 to 1963 then he was moved to St Andrew's in Teesville as a curate from

1963 to 1967. Between 1967 and 1968, he went to Corpus Christi College for the Institution of Religious Education in Bayswater, London and returned in 1968 to be appointed as curate at the Sacred Heart in Redcar. In 1971, he was appointed chaplain at Endsleigh College in Hull for one year and in 1972, he was appointed parish priest at St Mary & St Joseph's in Pocklington. He returned to being chaplain for the Endsleigh students from Hull College of Higher Education from 1973 to 1979 and during that time took up his appointment as parish priest in 1976 at St Anthony & Our Lady of Mercy in Hull. In 1982, he was given the title of Monsignor and was moved to St George's in York as parish priest up until 1995. In 1995 until 2002, he was moved as the parish priest to St Peter & St Paul in Leyburn and in 2002, he retired in York and then moved to the Holy Name Care Home in Hull.

Seamus did a great deal of work for education in this part of the world and was indeed a very educated man himself. His funeral arrangements will all take place at St George's in York where he will be received on Thursday 22 July 2021 at 4.30 pm and his Funeral Mass will be on Friday 23 July 2021 at 11.00 am. He will then be buried at York cemetery. Due to the Covid restrictions, most of which will still be in place, capacity is still limited, so attendance is still by invitation only please.

**We do intend to live-stream the Mass in the usual way to St George's Facebook page and there will be a recording available later that day on St Georges YouTube channel.**

**ALTAR SERVERS – if you would like to return or would like to become one, please drop a note into the Rectory letter box addressed to Mr Steve Holder.**

**READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – the rota is back, it's at the back of church. Please fill it in.**

**GIFT AID BOXES:** now available. If any parishioner would like to change their method of payment from the envelope system to a Standing Order, they can set it up using online banking or complete a Standing Order form and return it to their bank without the need to complete a new Gift Aid Declaration. Gift Aid donations can be made to the parish's account number 30007447; sort code 20-56-90; account name: Diocese of Middlesbrough.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP):** With all the difficulties of Covid, St George's SVP members are maintaining contact (where possible) with their visits and offering food vouchers and financial help at our school. We have a need for new members to help with this important parish work. Please see Steve Holder if you feel you can help. Any emails to the bulletin email address will be passed on to Steve (Holder).

**PRAYER GROUP:** A small group meets online via Zoom to pray with the following Sunday's readings. Our next meeting is **Monday 16 August** from **7pm** (for about an hour). No experience or commitment required - everyone welcome! For more info or a Zoom link for the meeting, email [admin@stgeorges-church.org.uk](mailto:admin@stgeorges-church.org.uk)

**CAFOD – FAMILY 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>.

**THE CATHOLIC VOICE** will be returning after its suspension during the pandemic with a summer edition, followed by monthly editions from October onwards. The editor would love to hear from as many parishes as possible with news stories or other material. Please email [catholicvoice@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:catholicvoice@rcdmidd.org.uk).

**PLEASE send Mass requests, plus details of Recently Dead and Anniversaries etc, to Canon Jerry at his Lawrence Street address – see p1 – or put them through the Rectory door.**