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& Friday 10am-5pm

Margaret currently working from Home

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 10th January 2021

Year B Readings for Mass. Psalter Week 1

Saturday 9th for Sunday	Mass 5pm TUTBURY	<i>Maksymilian Frederick Tutt In Thanksgiving</i>
Sunday 10th Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Mass 9am Mass 11am Mass 6pm	<i>Pro Populo Eileen & Laurie Stuart Special Intention (L S)</i>
Monday 11th Feria	Mass 9.30am	<i>Sheila Geoghegan</i>
Tuesday 12th Feria	Mass 9.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 13th Feria	Mass 11am Requiem Mass 12pm	<i>Dsouza & Noran Families June Mary Wheeldon</i>
Thursday 14th Feria	Mass 9.30am Requiem Mass 1.45pm	<i>Church Pals Prayer Intentions Eric Routledge</i>
Friday 15th Feria	Mass 9.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 16th Our Lady on Saturday	Mass 9.30am	<i>Fr Brian McGinley 40th Anniversary to Priesthood</i>
Saturday 16th for Sunday	Mass 5pm TUTBURY	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 17th Second Sunday of the Year	Mass 9am Mass 11am Mass 6pm	<i>Joseph Ezharath (Anniv) Pro Populo Special Intention (K & A)</i>

Please pray for all the sick and housebound of the Parish:

Ruby Gotheridge, Mary Conway, Maya Whatton, Damian Walsh, Tony Mulcahy, Pat Lawton, Sheila Chatterton, Kath Woodyet, Joe Emery, Margaret Donlon, Carolyn Edge, Andrew Poyser, Sue Rose, Mandy Smith, Rachel Smith, Eileen Davis, Richard Waldron, Rosemary Kersey, Rev Les Rees.

Lord Grant Eternal Rest to those who have died recently:

June Mary Wheeldon whose Requiem is on Wednesday 13th January at 12pm.

Eric Routledge whose Requiem is on Thursday 14th January at 1.45pm.

Offertory Collection: GIFT AID: £133.00(Burton) - £30.00 (Tutbury)

27th Dec & 3rd Jan NON-GIFT AID: £126.91 (Burton) - £15.00(Tutbury)

Building & Development Fund: GIFT AID: £46.00 (Burton) - £10.00 (Tutbury)

27th Dec & 3rd Jan NON-GIFT AID: £46.50(Burton) - £NIL (Tutbury)

Approximate weekly amount from Standing orders: -

OFFERTORY BURTON £382 (Gift Aid) £31 (Non Gift Aid) TUTBURY £19 (Gift Aid)

B&D FUND BURTON £87 (Gift Aid) £8 (Non Gift Aid) TUTBURY Nil

Building & Development Fund running total: - **£46,397.41**

Dear Parishioners

This is just to make you aware that the Church income will be down by at least **£700/£900 per week** due to no offertory collections being taken. If anyone who uses the envelopes, or indeed any other parishioner, would like to start making a payment direct from their own bank account then please let me know through the parish email account maryandmodwen@btinternet.com I will then be able to provide you with the bank details.

I am still working from home and can be contacted through the parish email account with any queries.

Thank you to all those who have already been in contact and set the payments up, it is much appreciated. Also thank you to those who have dropped the envelopes or cheques off at the Presbytery.

God bless and STAY SAFE *Margaret*

MASS INTENTIONS: If anyone wishes to have a Mass said for a particular intention it can still be booked in. Please contact me (Margaret) through the parish email maryandmodwen@btinternet.com I have a few Mass Intention cards which can be posted to you, if you wish, and will advise on how to drop off your stipend donation for the Mass. If you provide me with your **telephone number** in your email, I can speak to you if necessary.

Margaret

200 CLUB: The winners for DECEMBER are:

1st – 97 – Mrs R Millward, 2nd – 47 – Mrs M Machin, 3rd – 82 – Mrs H Wileman
Your cheques have been posted out to you.

The 200 Club subscriptions are now due for 2021. Obviously I will not be able to collect the money as usual, so if you could put your cash or a cheque (payable to St Mary & St Modwen RC Church) into an envelope marked with your name and 200 club number, if known, and drop through the presbytery door that would be very helpful. If you prefer to make a Bank Transfer then please email me at maryandmodwen@btinternet.com and I will be able to provide the bank details for you. There are still quite a few numbers available if you would like to take on an addition number or join the 200 Club if you are not already a member. *Margaret*

READINGS: for 2021 come from Year B for Sundays and Year 1 weekdays.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS: We have been talking and have decided to try and organise a couple of Social/Fundraising events. We will hold a ZOOM BINGO and a ZOOM QUIZ, dates to yet be arranged. If you are interested in 'attending' please either phone/text/WhatsApp Sarah on 07772 437379 or email on sarah-louise.durk@talktalk.net These will most probably be a Friday or Saturday night. If you have any unwanted Gift's/Chocolate's you would like to donate for prizes either leave at the Presbytery or contact Sarah who will be able to collect **WHILST FOLLOWING LOCKDOWN RULES.** Please share the information with people who will not see the notice but may be interested in 'attending' either event. *Margaret & Sarah*

A MESSAGE FROM DERBY & BURTON LIFE GROUP:

Derby Life Group
Burton on Trent Satellite Group
Baby Welcome Pack Project

Dear Supporter

We would like to inform you of the work we have been able to carry out this last year thanks to the generosity of local people.

We have been running this Project for 7 Years now and during 2020 we were able to supply a total of 21 bags to 18 new mothers.

The break down of these donations were 3 Baby Welcome Packs, (a variety of newborn Clothing) 18 Bags Baby toiletries. These Baby Toiletries consisted of an assortment of sizes of Packs of Nappies, this followed an urgent request at the beginning of "Lockdown" in March 2020, when there was a wipe out of necessary goods from the Supermarket Shelves! We were also able to supply some Baby Equipment, including a Moses Basket and Stand, a Baby Bath, a Baby Seat/Chair and some Feeding Bottles.

Thankfully we did have some stock to fulfill these requests. We continue to have some stock and at the moment we are unable to collect more donations as access to various collecting points are not possible due to Covid Restrictions.

We Sincerely hope that later in the Year we may be able to begin these collections again

The figures for previous years are as follows

In 2014 - 30 Welcome Bags

In 2015 - 56 Welcome Bags

In 2016 - 43 Welcome Bags

In 2017 - 83 Welcome Bags

In 2018 - 67 Welcome Bags

In 2019 - 67 Welcome Bags

In 2020 - 21 Welcome Bags

We also work closely with Derby "Life" Shop where additional Practical Support can be given. (Subject to Covid Restrictions)

We also collect any donations for the Derby Shop (anything except Furniture, Pillows, Quilts and Car Seats) All subject to Covid restrictions.

If you would like anything collected please call 07732483530

If you would like to know any more information please call the number above or visit the website lifecharity.org.uk

A further letter will be sent, when we can resume collections and hopefully raise our profile again. With thanks for your continued Support.

OTHER PARISH INFORMATION:

National Lockdown Guidance January 2021

Following the Prime Minister's statement this evening, the following has been published by the Government and can be found at the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/949536/NationalLockdownGuidance.pdf

The Guidance for Places of Worship published this evening states:

Communal worship and life events

You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony. You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship. Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone's death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances.

You must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble if you do attend a service.

The Places of Worship Guidance (updated 22nd December 2020) summarises the position for our churches. This can be found in full here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-ofplaces-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-useof-places-of-worship-from-2-december>

Relevant extracts (comments are provided to assist interpretation):

Communal worship, including prayers, devotions or meditations led by a Minister of Religion or lay person

Limits for communal worship should be decided on the basis of the capacity of the place of worship following an assessment of risk (see Section 5 'Restrictions on Capacity'). People must follow the restrictions on social mixing set out by their area's local restriction tier and adhere to social distancing between households. In Tier 1 areas, people must not mingle in a group of more than 6 (other than with those they live with or have formed a support bubble with). In Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 areas, people must not mingle indoors with anyone they do not live with or have formed a support bubble with. You must not attend or mix with anyone outside your household or support bubble.

Comment: Mass and other acts of worship can continue as normal following the covid-security guidance that has been published by the Bishops' Conference after consultation with officials from Public Health England and MHCLG.

Marriage ceremonies

In Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 areas marriages, civil partnerships or alternative wedding ceremonies must have no more than 15 people. Anyone working is not included as part of the limit on those attending. In Tier 4 areas weddings and civil partnership ceremonies must only take place with up to 6 people. Anyone working is not included. These should only take place in exceptional circumstances, for example urgent marriages where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover, or due where to undergo debilitating treatment or lifechanging surgery. Please refer to the guidance for small marriages and civil partnerships during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Attendees should socially distance from anyone they do not live with (unless they are in their support bubble).

Comment: As national lockdown is essentially Tier 5, only 6 people can attend a marriage (apart from anyone working as part of the ceremony) and these should only occur in exceptional circumstances. Weddings planned for the next 6 weeks should be deferred.

Funerals

In all areas, there must be no more than 30 people attending. Anyone

working is not included as part of the 30 person limit. Please refer to the COVID-19: guidance for managing a funeral during the coronavirus pandemic. Attendees should socially distance from anyone they do not live with (unless they are in their support bubble).

Commemorative events to celebrate the life of a person who has died

These are events which occur to commemorate or mark the deceased's passing. Examples include a wake, a stone setting ceremony or the scattering of ashes. In Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 areas such events must have no more than 15 people in attendance, excluding those who are present for work purposes. In Tier 4 areas such events must have no more than 6 people in attendance. Such gatherings cannot take place in a private dwelling or garden.

Comment: As national lockdown is essentially Tier 5, only 6 people can attend a commemorative event which would include the interment of ashes after a cremation. The immediate burial of a coffin after a church or crematorium-based service would be subject to 30 people or the restrictions imposed locally by the graveyard or crematorium authorities.

Significant life cycle events, outside of marriage ceremonies and funerals

In all areas where such events are an element of communal worship, they are subject to the requirements for communal worship set out above.

Comment: This means that the numbers of people permitted to attend life-cycle events such as baptisms, confirmations and other significant sacramental celebrations are subject to the covid-security determined limits of the church.

Supervised children's activities

In Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 areas, these are limited to the number of people who can safely socially distance in the venue in line with COVID-19 Secure guidance. See guidance for providers of out-of-school settings.

This includes, but is not limited to, activities such as mother and baby groups with multiple adults supervising children. In these situations, adults should maintain social distancing with other adults from different households. In Tier 4, these activities must only take place where reasonably necessary to enable parents to work, seek work, attend education or training.

Comment: As national lockdown is essentially Tier 5, any activity which is church-based must be fully risk assessed and necessary for the above reasons.

Support groups

In all areas, support groups can take place with up to a maximum of 15 people in a public place, if the support group is organised by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution, or a public body to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support to its members or those who attend its meetings.

This includes, but is not limited to, providing support:

- to victims of crime (including domestic abuse)
- to those with, or recovering from, addictions (including alcohol, narcotics or other substance addictions) or addictive patterns of behaviour
- to new and expectant parents
- to those with, or caring for persons with, any long-term illness, disability or terminal condition or who are vulnerable
- to those facing issues related to their sexuality or identity including those living as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender
- to those who have suffered bereavement

Organised parent and child groups can also take place with up to 15 people. Any child under 5 is not included in this limit.

Comment: These activities should be fully risk-assessed and full covid-security measures should be in place.

Small prayer and study groups

In Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 areas, limits for prayer and study groups should be decided on the basis of the capacity of the place of worship following an assessment of risk (see Section 5 'Restrictions on Capacity').

People must follow the restrictions on social mixing set out by their area's COVID Local Alert Level (Tier) and adhere to social distancing between households and described above for communal worship.

In Tier 4 areas, prayer or study groups must not take place in person. This guidance applies to places of worship when being used for a religious purpose or in preparation for a religious purpose.

Comment: As national lockdown is essentially Tier 5, in person prayer or study groups (which would include catechesis for the celebration of the sacraments) should not take place physically, but only using online means.

For permitted uses of a place of worship not included in this guidance, you should refer to the specific guidance linked below:

- Tourism, retail and restaurants and other hospitality industries
- Meetings or small gatherings, as permitted in other multi-purpose community settings
- Places of worship should take account of the performing arts guidance in organising any indoor or outdoor performances, paying particular attention to the sections on singing.

Face Coverings

Face coverings must be worn in places of worship, unless you are exempt. This is now law. Guidance on face coverings and exemptions is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

Summary

It is important that during this time all places of worship continue to provide hand sanitiser at points of access and egress, there should be stewarding and managed social distancing within the church space and that full cleaning of the space should be done immediately after the church has been in use.

The time that people are in the church should be minimised (so the use of liturgical choices should reflect this, including a short homily, the

omission of the prayers of the faithful and any other permitted mitigations) and the church must be well ventilated even during the liturgical celebrations. There should be no congregational singing as part of the liturgical celebrations and if a choir or cantors sing, the choices of music should be such that the exposure time is not excessively prolonged.

It is very important to encourage all who attend our churches to abide by these covid-security restrictions and to protect themselves and those around them. It is also an opportunity to thank those who clean and steward our churches for their generosity of service to the local community.

Rev. Canon Christopher Thomas

4th January 2021

COVID CLARIFICATIONS From Canon Richard Walker

Q. Can churches open for individual prayer?

The Government guidance does not explicitly prohibit this, nor does it permit it. The updated guidance from 22nd December makes no mention of individual prayer, but this was commonplace across the denominations in that churches were not open simply for celebrations of Mass or other sacraments, but also for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and other personal devotions.

Looking more closely at the guidance, it does state, regarding those who are at increased risk of severe disease from covid-19, that worship communities should consider "*strongly discourage them from attending faith gatherings during this time or set aside a time for them to attend for individual devotions.*" My reading of this would allow for churches to be open for periods of time for individual prayer in order to facilitate those who may feel more vulnerable in attending a formal act of worship.

Q. Are baptisms allowed and how many can attend?

There is nothing stated prohibiting baptisms (or other sacramental celebrations) in the published guidance. What is said is that the number of people attending if the celebration forms part of the normal cycle of worship is "they are subject to the requirements for communal worship set out above," that is according to the covid-secure capacity of the church determined by the risk assessment.

If a celebration is not part of the normal cycle of worship (ie a baptism outside of Mass) it would appear, although not explicitly stated, that the numbers attending should be limited to 6 people, excluding anyone who is working as part of the celebration. This is extrapolated from the stated guidance for weddings and commemorative events for Tier 4.

However, since the Government Guidance states that weddings “should only take place in exceptional circumstances” again, by extrapolation, it would seem that other sacramental celebrations should be postponed until restrictions are lifted unless there is a need *in extremis*.

Q. What if the priest is clinically vulnerable?

Extreme sensitivity is required in this situation. If the priest feels that it is safe to celebrate Mass, he should do so with the minimum of contact with others. That would entail being at least 2m away from others at all times during the celebration. This may require altering the seating arrangements on the sanctuary. He should consecrate the Hosts for the congregation and then withdraw so that a Minister of Holy Communion could distribute them.

It may be that priests are not comfortable with this situation and so other provision should be made in consultation with the local Ordinary.

It is important that the Guidance for the Celebration of Mass published on 3rd August 2020 should be adhered to. Priests should ensure hand washing/sanitising is available for all in the Church, that his own hands are sanitised before handling anything and especially that the hosts for consecration for the people are covered throughout the celebration until the moment of distribution. Those assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion should remember that they should receive Holy Communion first, then replace their face coverings, and then sanitise their hands before receiving the ciborium/paten. After distributing Holy Communion, they should sanitise their hands again.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Catholic Union Head of Public Affairs **James Somerville-Meikle** writes:

This year started much like 2020 ended – waiting for a press conference

at No 10 Downing Street to hear the latest restrictions being introduced to tackle coronavirus. The announcement from the Prime Minister about going back into lockdown looked and sounded remarkably similar to the same address he made in March last year. There were, of course, a number of important differences this time around, not least the exemption for places of worship in England to remain open. This is something the Catholic Union had called for and is very welcome news. Sadly, you don't have to look far to find journalists, and even politicians, who have been critical of this decision and who have called for places of worship to close. In defence of churches remaining open, Bishop John Sherrington said "This decision is based on two factors: the recognition that our churches are safe, and that the service they offer is essential." Highlighting the safety and essential nature of our churches is something the Catholic Union will continue to do.

* For any matter that requires my attention while I am away, please contact Fr Eduardo or Margaret as the case may be. *Fr Fabian*

* On behalf of our Parish and the Spiritan community at Burton, I would like thank and wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope-filled New Year. As part of our Christmas wishes, the Spiritans are offering as it did last year, her annual Calendar to our parishioners. You will be able to collect one for your family from Christmas eve.

