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*Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle,
be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25/26 JULY 2020

Mass Times and Intentions for the week

Saturday	6.00pm	Bill & Mae Day RIP	St James, Apostle Vigil Mass of Seventeenth Sunday ~ Public Mass ~
Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Eileen Ash RIP Intention of Daniel Smith	Seventeenth Sunday ~ Public Mass ~ Confessions <i>after 10.30</i>
Monday	9.30am	Intention of Len Argent	Public Masses this week ~ Confessions after Mass
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion Service	
Wednesday	9.30am	Bridget Campbell RIP	St Martha
Thursday	9.30am	Pat & Bill Barrie RIP	
Friday	9.30am	Joan Owen RIP (J&R O)	St Ignatius Loyola
Saturday	6.00pm	For sick parishioners (DH)	St Alphonsus Ligouri

Please pray for parishioners and loved ones who are sick: Peter Goldsworthy, Jane Dick, Anne Jewson, Daniel Smith, Fr. Tony Collins, Wyn Ahearne, Sylvia, The sick with the corona virus, Sebastian, Len Argent, Gladys Sanderson, Simon Moora, Graham Hunter-Brown, Michael Tavender, John Moore, Jo-Ann Hudson, Malcolm Ruff, David McDonald, Yvonne Kouame, David Ryan, Ann O'Toole, Sylvia Burton, Julie Verity, Monica Wood, Joan Worthington, Chris Gough, John McGrath, Val Romanchek, Bill Romanchek, Helen Kennedy, Mary Wilson, Joan Nixon, Craig Smart, Pat Fitzpatrick, Tim Mulvihill, Chris Clark, Samantha Sawyer, Janet Stephens, Terry Kilgallon.



For those who have died recently: Bridget Campbell, Ruth Cox, Brian Hearn, Fr John Healy, Jon Gorf, Brian Streetin, Those who have died from the corona virus, Bill Ayling, Fr Geoff Nixon, Isabel Louis, Annie Graysmark RIP, Margaret Cohen, Terry Bamford, Margery Martin, Brian Hodson, Margaret Gough, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Pegge, Amelia Bambridge, Trish Reynolds, Bernard Murphy, Annette Baptista, Mark Ellett, Violet Ibbotson, Francis Pedley, Michael Aherne (Snr), Cliff Owen, Veronica Johnstone, Carmen Newall, Pat Greaves, Mike Phillips, Lena Porter, David Porter, Patricia Mack, Derry Sanderson **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Nicola Procter, Apolonio Gallego, Lee Davis, Trish Davis, Salvatore Rossi, Angela Wilbourn, Dennis Padwick, Mgr Richard Stewart, Charlie Sacarello, Charlotte Hammond.



This weekend we hear Jesus teaching his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone finds and hides it again, and goes off happy and sells everything he owns and buys the field. And again it is like a merchant looking for fine pearls, and when he finds one of great value he goes off and sells everything he owns and buy it. Jesus helping us to discover what our real treasure is and for Christians our treasure is the kingdom of God. Our treasure is Jesus.

If we follow him, imitate him, live his way then we will find what we are looking for, the most valuable treasure, his gift of salvation far more valuable than all the pearls in the sea.

VIRTUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE Saturday 25th July

Opening Mass 7pm

Welcome to the Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage which begins this Saturday 25th July and can be followed on the links. Bishop Richard will celebrate our Opening Mass of welcome and set the scene for our Virtual Pilgrimage. Please join him, and those who are present in the Church, in spirit and enjoy the liturgy that has been prepared for you.... www.ablourdes2020.org Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us, St Bernadette, pray for us.

Sunday 26th July Rosary from the Grotto 2pm

The Rosary will be prayed from the Grotto each day in English at this time. Please click the link at 2pm to go to the Grotto "live" stream in union with thousands of Catholics around the world who will be viewing...

Mass from the Grotto 4pm Each day, during our Virtual Pilgrimage Mass will be streamed live from the Grotto in English. To participate in spirit please click the link at 4pm to go to the Grotto "live" stream together with thousands of Catholics around the world...

Lectio Divina 5pm Bishop Richard will lead a Lectio Divina hour of prayer and reflection. Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's...

Family Group "Prayer Bear" 5pm Today's Prayer Bear is led by Barbara Simon based on the Lourdes theme of "I am the Immaculate Conception". Barbara will share with the children the story of St Bernadette as she saw Our Lady in the Grotto between February...

A reflection led by the Simon family 7pm Adam, Barbara, Catherine, Lizzie and Joe will lead us in an hour of prayer, reflecting on the theme of 2020: "I am the Immaculate Conception" This will be a Zoom hosted session. The details will be posted here one hour before the...

LATEST NEWS FROM FR PETER IN KENYA

Jan & John write to say that: 'Fr Peter telephoned us and has asked us to thank all the parishioners of St Michael's for their prayers and support during this difficult time. As from this Sunday his main church is open for Mass with a maximum capacity of 100. Everyone entering the church needs to use the washing facilities provided and have their temperature taken. Using money that has been donated from us his parish council has bought two electronic thermometers and a quantity of soap/sanitising equipment. Parishioners below 13 and above 68 are not expected to attend Mass and between each Mass the whole church must be cleansed. If more than 100 wish to come for Mass then the surplus will need to wait until the next Mass which will likely follow on as soon as the church is clean. If anyone arrives with a high temperature or looks otherwise unwell then there must be a place to which they can be taken for examination to see if they need to go to hospital - which all sounds grander than it is. We do not know for certain but if you imagine two huts with no facilities except that a nurse scurries between the two then you will probably be near the mark. When people arrive at Mass they normally bring with them gifts of food which they take up at the offertory. This food is used to feed people who arrive during the week looking for help because of hunger. The

offertory collection supports the parish including the priests, so they now have a small income. The other good news is that the bean harvest has started so the threat of hunger has been abated. Fr Peter is so grateful for all the support you have given him both spiritually and materially.' *Jan and John Gribben*

WELCOME AGAIN TO ST MICHAEL'S FOR OUR MASSES



Welcome again this weekend to St Michael's for the celebration of our Masses and just a reminder of our seating capacity which is 80. The stewards will welcome and guide you and help you to keep social distancing as we continue to ask you to wear a face covering or a face mask and use the hand sanitiser as you enter and

leave the church and help maintain social distancing and follow the one way system.

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

The **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**, of which CAFOD is an active member, launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal on **Tuesday 14 July**. Thanks to generous support from the Catholic community, we at CAFOD are already working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus' spread, and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. But there is so much more to be done. The needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving, and so our response needs to be large scale, and multifaceted. So this month, as the DEC raises awareness of the global situation, we are asking the Catholic community to keep those worst affected in their thoughts, prayers and where possible, their alms giving. You can donate to the Coronavirus Appeal online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

We are now able to celebrate Baptisms and Marriages with a maximum of 30 people present, with social distancing and some further specific restrictions. The latest full guidance is available on our website in the 'Sacraments' section.

SINGING AND MUSIC AT MASS

Singing in groups is still not permitted and one singer only should be permitted to sing or chant. Organs may be played if cleaned thoroughly before and after use. People should avoid singing, shouting, raising voices and/or playing music at a volume that makes normal conversation difficult or that may encourage shouting. This is because of the potential for increased risk of transmission from aerosol and droplets.

FACE MASKS – REUSABLE MASKS AVAILABLE

Current guidance from Bishop's Conference is that we are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces such as churches, especially when 2m distancing is not maintained. We ask for a suggested donation of £1 should you use one of our disposable masks. Alternatively, some of our Craft Group are making reusable masks. These are double layered with a place for a filter to be inserted, selection of patterns and colours available. Proceeds to St Michael's, minimum £2 donation per mask or £5 for those made from Tiffany fabric. Contact Jo 692866