

St Clement's Church Ewell

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Lectionary Week 13

Sunday 28th June 2020 Psalter Week 1 Cycle A

Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

Mass behind closed doors will be celebrated on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday approx. 12 noon

Sunday, 28 th June	All Parishioners
Wednesday	Deceased relatives of the Davies Family
Friday	Holy Souls
Sunday 5 th July	All Parishioners
Wednesday	Mary Jo Byrne RIP
Friday	Well-being, John Ryder

FEAST DAYS:

Monday: Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles
Wednesday: Consecration of Arundel Cathedral
Thursday: St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr
Friday: St Thomas, Apostle



ANNIVERSARIES: 28th to 4th July

John Kennedy, Kathleen Fennemore, Edwin Cooke, Br John Tedesco, Patrick Horan, Ethel Carter, Rose Hennsey, Dulcie McNeill-Main, Don Kelly, George Burke, Anne Tye.

RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING:

Please pray for: Steve Kamm, Anne Gibbons, Chris Williamson, Bernie Sullivan, Felice Prince-Wright, Mary Frost, Michael O'Connell, Maureen O'Sullivan, Margaret Harris, Tony Bellino.

PUBLIC MASS:

Hopefully Mass will resume soon on a restricted scale. Please "keep your eyes" on the newsletter which will give you information and guidance.

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH:

After a thorough clean this weekend, our church building will be open for private prayers from Wednesday 1st July –

Wednesday 09.00 – 11.00 am

Sunday 02.00 – 04.00 pm

Please follow the guidance for social distancing and hand sanitizing.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Hope you are well.

Last Friday, 19th June, we celebrated the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For some, perhaps the Feast and sentiment is old-fashioned, but I believe the essence of the message is valid and always will be. I remember, as a small boy visiting with my parents, my grandmother and step-grandfather in Epsom in the 1950's. Both were converts to the Catholic Faith. When the front door was opened a small statue of the Sacred Heart, always lit with electricity, greeted us. Those experiences have always stayed on my mind and as I matured the message of the statue became much clearer,

For a small child an air of security and peace radiated from the little model of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this week's reflection I would like to quote from Bishop Mark O'Toole of the Diocese of Plymouth.

You might have already seen on the website my notice about church re-opening. We hope to re-open on from Wednesday, 1st July for private prayer – two slots Wednesday, 9 – 11.00 am and Sunday, 2 p- 4.00 pm. It is essential to have stewards and cleaners (Diocesan requirement). Thank you to all who have volunteered so far – the more volunteers we have the more times for being open.

Please see the notice following this newsletter. The volunteer form can be downloaded from the website in "Volunteers ReOPENING of CHURCH". Sincere thanks to Jonathan Inns for co-ordinating this important event.

Keep safe and well,

Sincere best wishes, God Bless,

Fr Graham.

REFLECTION on the Sacred Heart – Bishop Mark O'Toole

We believe that in Jesus' heart we discover our deepest place of safety and security. There we are to make our home. He is the one who lights our way and illumines a path in the darkness. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is rooted in the truth that in Jesus, for the first time, the infinite love of God found a fitting resonance in the heart of a human being. In meditating on His Sacred Heart, we discover the true nature of who Jesus is. His was a heart on fire with love for His Father, seeking the Father's will and always at One in His heart with the Father. At the same time, His was a heart on fire for our world, especially for those most in need. The Gospels are filled with the accounts of Jesus' compassion, His service of the poor, and His loving outreach to those who seemed furthest from God.



Volunteers ReOPENING of CHURCH

Message from FR Graham

Volunteer Stewards and Cleaners

The intention is to open the doors to our church for private prayer

However this will be **dependent on the recruitment of volunteer stewards and cleaners.**

There are certain guidelines we must follow: All are welcome regardless of age but those showing any cold or flu-like symptoms are asked not to enter. Children are also welcome but must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The churches are open for Individual prayer defined as a person or household entering the church to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. They must be socially distanced from other individuals or households. Collective or communal prayer and regular scheduled services are not permitted at this time. This includes any minister of religion or lay person leading devotions or prayer.

Our church will be clearly marked out for social distancing which results in a maximum number who can be within each building further details about this will follow.

Hand sanitisation must occur at entry and exit points and face coverings may be worn but are not required - their use should not be seen as disrespectful to prayer or sacred space.

Those entering are asked not to touch or physically venerate statues or other sacred objects.

Toilets and washing/baby changing facilities are to remain closed.

VOLUNTEERS

Fundamentally, what will determine the times and days our church can be opened is the required presence of two volunteer stewards and cleaners to clean the benches and area that has been used. Without these stewards present, a church cannot open.

Volunteers must not be from those instructed to shield themselves, nor from those under 18 or over 70 years old, or from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus. It is required that at least one steward at any time comes from a group that already exercises some role within the parish. Volunteers are also needed to be part of equally important socially distancing cleaning teams.

If you feel you can help please email Jonathan Inns (who is coordinating the volunteer effort) 07790336847 jonathan.inns@btinternet.com back the volunteer form using subject line 'Volunteer' and Pass the word around and ask others to do so also.

Thank you.

Fr Graham

Please go to website to download Volunteers form or contact Jonathan Inns.