



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

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LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2020 22nd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Mass Times in Church this week

Sat 29th Aug	22nd SUNDAY of the YEAR (A)	6.30pm
Sun 30th Aug	“ “ “	10.00am
Mon 31st Aug	St. Aidan & Saints of Lindisfarne	————
Tues 1st Sept	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	10.00am
Wed 2nd Sept	Feria	————
Thurs 3rd Sept	Pope St. GREGORY the GREAT D	10.00am
Fri 4th Sept	St. Cuthbert B	————
Sat 5th Sept	(Our Lady) <i>Vigil Mass</i>	*4.30pm*

Message from Father Gerry

Dear Friends, I hope and pray that you are all well. It's hard to believe that we're almost into September already - it's been a very strange year for all of us but, hopefully, we're over the worst now.

This coming week, the children will return to their classrooms. I know that Mrs Finnegan and the Staff at Our Lady & St Kenelm's have been working very hard in preparation for the new school year and to ensure that the School is a safe environment for all our pupils. We pray and ask God's blessing on all our children and teachers, and we ask Him to bless the new school year in every way.

On Sunday, 22nd Sunday of the Year, we also remember three extraordinary women: St Margaret Clitherow, St Anne Line and St Margaret Ward, all of whom gave their lives for their faith in 16th Century England. We pray that we may be blessed with a little of their courage when we are faced with adversity, and that we may love and witness to our Catholic faith as much as they did all those years ago.

This coming Tuesday, 1st September, is a Day of Prayer thanking God for His marvellous Creation. Between that day and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October, we will consider and thank Him for His many great gifts to us and ask ourselves how we, with His help, can be better stewards of the wonderful blessings we receive every day from His hand.

Please remember that, with effect from next weekend (5th September), the Vigil Mass on Saturday will be at 4.30pm. (There will no longer be Mass at 6.30pm.) Mass on Sunday will continue to be celebrated at **10am**. I hope that this change of time on Saturdays will be more suitable for you all as we approach the darker days of winter. Weekdays Mass this week will be as follows:

Tuesday 1st September: 10am Thursday 3rd September: 10am

Please continue to take every care of yourselves and each other. Don't let your guard drop until such time as we can finally say 'goodbye' and 'good riddance' to this dreadful Coronavirus. Do return to Mass if you are well and feel safe to do so. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains suspended and the seating capacity of Our Lady & St Kenelm's remains at 33 persons. Every precaution is being taken to make the church safe for you and for us all. Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you.

Fr Gerry x

MASS INTENTIONS to Parish Clergy please

MONDAY is a Bank Holiday

Mass Intentions. If you require a Mass intention, speak to Father Gerry either personally at Mass or give him a call on the 'phone. He celebrates Mass every day.

What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

Follow Mass on-line: *<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>
*<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints> or visit the Birmingham Archdiocese website to find other churches in the diocese to stream.

Making a Spiritual Communion

- * Make the sign of the cross
- * You could read the Gospel of the day
- * Then share prayer intentions
- * Say the Lord's Prayer
- * Make an act of spiritual communion
- * Close with the sign of the cross.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

John Conlan writesMaintenance work in church continues

We have carried on doing vital maintenance work (remember the roof leaks before lockdown) while the church has been closed even though the parish income has fallen dramatically in the absence of offertory collections.

If anyone who has not been able to give would consider switching to bank standing order to help us during this time it would be enormously helpful. You will find a standing order form with instructions for completion on the "Your Offertory Giving" page on the parish website at <https://www.ourladyandstkenelm.org.uk/how-to-support-the-parish.html>

We are working hard to ensure that your church is in the best condition possible for the day when we all meet up again at Mass.

**Your Offertory giving is still vital.
Please consider a standing order.
Thank you for your supporting your parish.**

In your prayers, please remembered those who have recently died (Philip Curtis, Brian Bonehill, Mick Massingham, Vera Jarvis) and those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur about now –

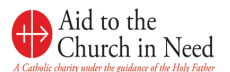
Irene Bonehill, Eva Brine, Joe Brody, Bridene Clark, Marion Evans, Marjorie Gabriel, Pauline Harris, Joe Hatton and Sally Wingfield.



LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL SOS ACN

LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL SOS AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED THIS IS AN EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF BEIRUT. Here is a link

<https://acnuk.org/news/lebanon-young-ministers-of-mercy/>



A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Heal the sick! Sustain and support the anxious. Be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

"Make mercy the air you breathe."
Pope Francis

Annual Harvington Hall Pilgrimage online

This year's pilgrimage will be aired on the Archdiocese website and Facebook page at 3pm, **Sunday 6 September.**

Mass will be celebrated by **Mgr. John Moran** in the Hall's chapel - a unique room with a historic hide, which at one time would have been used to conceal any evidence of Mass in the event of a house search.



**Next Weekend Sat/Sun 5/6 September '20
23rd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)**

MASSES at revised weekend times

Saturday : *4.30 pm.*

Sunday : 10.00 am.