



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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For Mass this Wednesday, 24 June: see pgs 5-6

Latest Guidance from our Bishops regarding the Use of Churches for Funerals: see pg 7

	All Services to be Facebook live-streamed marked FB	Mass Intentions
Saturday 20 June	Churches open for Private Prayer 9.45-11.00am - at St Joseph's 12.15-1.30pm - at The Sacred Heart	
Sunday 21 June	10.30am Parish Mass FB <i>Hymns and Readings pgs 5-6</i>	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 22 June		<i>Joseph Barry McCombe</i>
Tuesday 23 June	Church open for Private Prayer 11.30am-1.00pm - at The Sacred Heart	<i>Deceased McEntee & McAndrew Families</i>
Wednesday 24 June	11.00-11.15am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly FB 11.30am-12.00nn Mass FB	<i>Albert Allan</i>
Thursday 25 June	Church open for Private Prayer 9.30-11.00am - at St Joseph's	<i>Deceased Czajko Woodhall Families</i>
Friday 26 June	12.00nn Angelus and Friday Devotion FB	<i>Deceased Gill, Stevenson & Rigby Families</i>
Saturday 27 June	Churches open for Private Prayer 9.30-11.00am - at The Sacred Heart <i>note reverse</i> 12.00-1.30pm - at St Joseph's <i>of 20 June</i>	<i>Donor's Intention</i>
Sunday 28 June	10.30am Parish Mass FB	<i>Parish Family</i>

Let us all pray for a speedy end to Covid-19 and the well-being of each and all.



Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress;
in faith, we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers,
wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together, we may give glory to your holy name.



Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Follow us at "Parish of The Sacred Heart Hemsworth and St Joseph's Moorthorpe"

From Fr Anthony

We continue with our third (and final) part of a longer Russian Orthodox Holy Spirit hymn. It is better if prayed in a gentle, rhythmic manner.

Rejoice, daughter of light, Sion our holy mother! Adorn thyself, incomparable bride, O Universal Church of the Messiah resplendent with light as the firmament! Upon thee rests the Holy Spirit, who heals infirmities, completes what is wanting, gives life to the dead and leads to life everlasting all who worthily and rightly exclaim: Halleluia!

"In the world ye shall have tribulation," said the Lord. Where then shall we find comfort, who will console us? O Holy Spirit, it is thou who shalt allay our sufferings! Make intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered and lighten the hearts of those who entreat thee:

Come, sweet freshness of those who suffer under the weight of burdens.

Come, thou who dost converse with prisoners and art the support of the persecuted.



Come to uphold the weak and abandoned.

Come, have mercy on victims of misery and hunger.

Come to heal the passions of our soul and of our body.

Come to visit those athirst for thy splendour.

Come to give meaning to our trials with the hope of eternal joy.

Holy Spirit, Paraclete, come and dwell in us!

It is the Holy Spirit who causes us to be born to eternal life, who inspires martyrs, ordains priests, crowns the just, consecrates the bread and the wine into the Body and into the Blood of God! Grant us the crown of thy gifts: infinite love which forgives all, which suffers for enemies and wills that all be saved: then, in thy light, being made sons of the light, we will sing: Halleluia!

Who will separate us from the love of God? Misery, anguish, hunger, nakedness, danger, the sword? If we should be deprived of everything on earth, we should have in heaven an inheritance which does not decay. Give us therefore, O Lord, to love thee not only in words or with the lips, but with true labour and the effort of our entire life.

Come, Spirit all powerful, increase in us the faith which triumphs over all.

Come, give us boldness in prayer.

Come to warm our hearts and prevent the rebellions without number from causing our love to grow cold.

Come to hold us back from falling, in days of persecution and derision.

Come, preserve us from great temptations and from occasions of falling.

Come, give life to our hearts with the dew of thy grace.

Come, heal us, sanctify us, reawaken us and strengthen us.

Holy Spirit, Paraclete, come and dwell in us.

Things happening in our Parish

Both our Churches are Reopening -

and please note, for private prayer ONLY, just now.

The times when our Churches will be open, in the next few days, are displayed on page 1. Some things will be different to what we are used to, but Stewards will be on hand to help guide, and to help keep us as safe as can be. For now, please note the following:

Very especially, if you have any of the symptoms of Covid-19, help protect others and stay at home.

Otherwise, you are invited to call into either of our Churches during the times indicated, for a few minutes or for the full period.

At both Churches we are operating a one way system. At **The Sacred Heart**, please **enter** by the **main door** but **leave** by the **Sanctuary fire exit**. At **St Joseph's**, please **enter** by the ramp and **white door** to the left of the main door and only **exit** by the **main door**. *If you experience difficulties with steps*, please, at either of our Churches, have a word with one of the Stewards when about to leave, and they will ensure you have a clear way through the way you entered.

Remember - we have to adhere to physical distancing. Please use seats as allocated. If you come as members of one household but are not well known to the Steward, you may need to let them know that you can sit together. If requested to wait for a short while by a Steward, please be patient: we have to follow the required cleansing and safety procedures.

Regrettably, we are not able to provide toilet or baby changing facilities until further notice.

We would welcome more Stewards, and especially for when we can resume Mass. If you can help with this, do please contact Fr Anthony, at your earliest convenience.



Parish Facebook We have an active Facebook group. Find us at - [Parish of the Sacred Heart Hemsworth and St Joseph's Moorthorpe](#).

Some useful Connections

Mass and other Liturgies from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream

Mass Sundays 11.00am, weekdays 10.30am, from our Diocesan Cathedral: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

Readings for Sunday and weekday Masses, the daily Divine Office, & more: www.universalis.com

Texts of daily Masses & more: www.magnificat.com/free

Sing-a-long daily music sessions with religious themes, with our Diocesan Music Team, for children especially: www.schoolssingingprogramme.org.uk.

For information, prayer resources including educational, and for Children's Liturgies: www.cafod.org.uk

Mass and other devotions via American EWTN channel, on satellite TV: or www.ewtn.com

Try www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrlxeH2TSwEc8eVwwMGv8w for prayer, teaching, & more with Fr Stephen Wang

Notices for our Parish Newsletter need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.

Sacraments

Baptism A Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, is provisionally planned to occur in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 16 & 23 Sep**, 7.30-9.00pm. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

Confirmations will hopefully next be celebrated, for our Deanery, in 2021 - for Baptised Catholics now in *school year 5 or older*. Application details will be announced when more is known.

First Reconciliation/Communion Our programme of preparation is presently on hold. Parents will be informed of the details, as soon as it is known when we can resume.

Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact, Fr Anthony.

Should there arise an unusual urgency regarding Baptism, please consult with Fr Anthony or another priest.

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Though many might know little about St Richard of Chichester, many would have some familiarity with the prayer he left for us: 'Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.'

St Etheldreda (feast day 23 June) was much revered in Anglo-Saxon times. Which southern Cathedral now stands on the site of the Monastery she founded and was abbess of?

AND SERIOUSLY!

A six-year-old girl had been so naughty that her mother told her she could not go to the school fair. When the day came she relented and said she could go. The girl's reaction was gloom and disappointment.



"What's the matter? I thought you would be pleased," her mother said. "It's too late!" she replied, "I've already prayed for rain, storms and thunder!"

Parish Monies

Thank you very much for donations 9-15 June:

Envelopes £40.00
Donate/Text £10.00

Electronic Donations

Can be made to our Parish by texting - **CHURCH SHSJ to 70500** to contribute £5 to our Parish Offertory - weekly - fortnightly - other; - or use the **Donate Button** on our Parish Website Home Page.

GOD OF SURPRISES

Where your Treasure is

We are tempted to ignore our inner life because we do not like what we find there. Take, for example, a mother who experiences strong dislike for her child, but is so ashamed for having such feelings that she will not acknowledge them even to herself. She pretends she has no such feelings, protests her great affection too much, peppering her conversation with 'darling', and convinces herself she is a model mother. But the dislike, unless acknowledged, will find an outlet and the child will pick it up. The mother may become over protective, possessive and dominating, and may reproach the recalcitrant child with 'How can you be so ungrateful after all that I have done for you?' In fact she is damaging her child. Had she been able to acknowledge her dislike, then she might have seen that dislike is a very natural reaction to the child at times, but that may be a very superficial feeling compared with her deeper levels of genuine affection.

When the inner life is ignored, violence erupts in some form or other, whether in physical or mental illness in the individual, or civil unrest within a nation, or war between nations.

To sum up this chapter so far:

Our treasure lies in our inner life. It is our inner life which affects our perception of the world and determines our actions and reactions to it. We tend to ignore this inner life, but it refuses to be ignored either in individual or in national life. If ignored, the inner life will erupt in some form of violence.



In religious language this inner life is called 'the soul', and the art of knowing it, healing it and harmonizing its forces is called spirituality. Religion should encourage us to become more aware of this inner life and should teach us how to befriend it, for it is the source of our strength and storehouse of our wisdom. Religion as it is often presented and understood, not only fails to nurture this awareness, but sometimes, even actively discourages it. This failure in teaching and understanding is the source of much of the confusion, bewilderment and disillusion which besets so many Christians today, leading one writer to declare: 'Nothing so masks the face of God as religion.' Next we shall look more closely at this failure and the reason for it, and so attempt to clear the approaches to the field where our treasure lies hidden.

To be continued . . .

Abridged from: The God of Surprises – Gerard W. Hughes

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**



Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing
George Potts, Cynthia Potts, Sheila Jordan, Peggy Heneghan, Kazia Andruszko, Liz Allen, David Olbison
John O'Brien, Dennis Fricker, Monica Lowe, Janice Coyle, Nicola Glew, and all our housebound

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 12, Commentary

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

This whole chapter 10 of Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about declaring his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He 'taught with authority', as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, although it may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer. More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that too can be difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground! Neither is it always easy to respond to such slurs with the patience and generosity as well as the truthfulness which Jesus would have shown. 'A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar', said St Francis de Sales.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah was the last prophet in Jerusalem before the Babylonians sacked the city and took most of the inhabitants into exile as slaves in 586 BC. He was sent as a final warning, to tell them all, from the king downwards, that disaster was impending if they did not amend their ways and turn back to the Lord. The authorities didn't like it, and accused him of sabotaging the morale of the citizens. He was arrested and dumped in an empty water storage pit to keep him quiet. He himself was a gentle soul and hated delivering this fierce message, complaining to the Lord about his tough and unpalatable task, and the persecution

he suffered. But he stuck to his guns, and when the king tore up the threatening message he sent, Jeremiah merely repeated it – with more besides. He also had a message of hope, that eventually the Lord would give them a new covenant, with a new heart and a new spirit, so that they would again be the People of God. This reading is chosen to show in the Old Testament the courage and perseverance in proclaiming the message that, in the gospels, Jesus asks from his disciples.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Christ is the saviour, but how does he save? The Letter to the Romans is Paul's fullest explanation, and the heart of that teaching is that Christ is the Second Adam. Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden, as described in Genesis, is not a simple historical story of one particular sin. It is the paradigm of all sin, the paradigm or analysis of all human failure, the process of turning away from God's commandments in pride and independence: 'I know better than God what is good for me.' We are children of Adam in so far as we have sinned, and Adam's sin sums up that of all humanity. At the same time, Adam is not only the type, but also the founder of all humanity. Christ, by way of contrast, is the second founder of all humanity. His act of perfect obedience to his Father on the cross transcends and heals this act of disobedience committed by the first Adam. Only Christ's act of loving obedience could be great enough to do this. It had to be an act of a man, but not of a mere man. We are members of this new humanity in so far as we join ourselves to Christ, put all our trust and hope in him.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

1st Reading: Acts 3:1-10

2nd Reading: Galatians 1:11-20

Gospel: John 21:15-19

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 4

Sun Seasonal Proper

Mon Proper of Saints

Tues Seasonal Proper (or + Cmn Holy Men/Women)

Wed Proper of Saints

Thu Seasonal Proper

Fri Seasonal Proper

Sat Common Blessed Virgin Mary

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Ss John Fisher, Bishop

& Thomas More, Martyrs

Tue St Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess

Wed Nativity of St John the Baptist

Thu Week 12 Ordinary

Fri Week 12 Ordinary

Sat Our Lady of Unfailing Help, Patron of Diocese

Mass, Wednesday 24 June, Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist

Gathering Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Daniel L Schutte

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Islands, listen to me,
pay attention, remotest peoples.
The Lord called me before I was born,
from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.
He made my mouth a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.
He made me into a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in his quiver.
He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel)
in whom I shall be glorified';
while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain,
I have exhausted myself for nothing';
and all the while my cause was with the Lord,
my reward with my God.
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors
of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm 138 (139)

I thank you for the wonder of my being.
O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
All my ways lie open to you.
For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you for the wonder of me being,
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you,
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the depths of the earth.

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Paul said: 'God deposed Saul and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

As for you, little child, you shall be called
a prophet of God, the Most High.

You shall go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his ways before him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66,80

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Meanwhile the child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, You have taught us to know and trust that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

We love you above all things and passionately desire to receive you into our hearts and minds, for you to be one with and within each of us.

Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we trust you to come spiritually to be among us and within us, and to enable us, each and every one, to unite ourselves wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn on next page . . .

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Mass, Wednesday 24 June, Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist

Concluding Hymn

My soul is filled with joy
As I sing to God my Saviour:
He has looked upon his servant,
He has visited his people.

*And holy is his name
Through all generations!
Everlasting is his mercy
To the people he has chosen,
And holy is his name.*

I am lowly as a child,
But I know from this day forward
That my name will be remembered,
For all men will call me blessed.

I proclaim the pow'r of God,
He does marvels for his servants;
Though he scatters the proud-hearted
And destroys the might of princes.

To the hungry he gives food,
send the rich away empty.
In his mercy he is mindful
of the people he has chosen.

In his love he now fulfills
What he promised to our fathers.
I will praise the Lord, my saviour,
Everlasting is his mercy.

Anonymous



Especially for our Children



In the Gospel for this Sunday (week12) -

- 1) What sort of birds does Jesus mention?**
- 2) How many of these birds can be bought for a penny?**
- 3) Who does Jesus say knows - if one of them falls to the ground?**
- 4) On whose head does Jesus say - every hair is counted.**

Try counting the hairs on your head - you'll give up loooong before counting them all!

Answers to 1 - 4

- 1) Sparrows 2) Two
3) Your Father 4) Your head

All the words below can be found in the Gospel for this Sunday - but only 12 can be found in the Word Search - which 2 are missing from the Word Search?

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| INSTRUCTED | PENNY |
| TWELVE | FALLS |
| COVERED | GROUND |
| UNCOVERED | HEAD |
| WHISPERS | COUNTED |
| AFRAID | HUNDREDS |
| SPARROWS | PRESENCE |

Two Missing Words Ground Hundreds

W	H	T	F	A	L	L	S	A	H
H	E	A	W	D	Y	W	O	E	E
I	S	A	D	E	O	N	A	C	W
S	R	F	U	R	L	D	N	N	T
P	O	R	R	E	Y	V	H	E	A
E	R	A	S	V	T	Y	E	S	P
R	P	I	C	O	V	E	R	E	D
S	W	D	E	C	O	U	T	R	S
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New Guidance for Funerals with use of a Church

The following has been issued by the Bishops of England and Wales. While it allows for an in-church Service, with several significant restrictions, a public funeral Mass is still NOT permitted. If there arises a need for a funeral with your family, you may wish to discuss this with the Priest and the Undertaker.

Introduction At the time of writing, the public celebration of Mass remains prohibited under measures to suppress the spread of COVID-19; this is stated explicitly in Government guidance as it is an act of corporate worship. From 15th June, churches have been re-opening for individual prayer and guidance from the Government has been published to ensure this is done safely¹. Before a church can be re-opened and used for a Funeral Service, it must ensure that the same safety procedures required for re-opening a church for individual private prayer are in place. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is therefore publishing the following guidelines to support the safe and dignified conduct of non-Eucharistic Funeral Services.

Funerals With the re-opening of our churches, the pattern of funeral practices which, up to now, have been permitted in chapels at cemeteries and crematoria can now take place in church. On a separate occasion, a live-streamed celebration of Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased, in a closed church, could be offered to the family members and friends for them to follow online, but this would be without a congregation and the presence of the body.

Before the Service There should be good collaboration between the family of the deceased, the funeral director and the clergy to ensure that the numbers of people assembling in the church is limited to the immediate family and those very close to the deceased². Any interaction with the family should be done safely – this may mean by telephone, Skype, Zoom, etc. It is important to consider the following issues before the service:

1) How many people can attend: As a principle, numbers should be minimised as far as possible. Alongside the member of clergy, Funeral Director and staff, the Government advises that only the following should attend: • members of the person's household • close family members • or if the above are unable to attend, close friends. Funeral Directors will need to be advised by the parish priest of the total number of mourners that can be accommodated safely within the church. The number of mourners will be limited to those listed above and not exceed the same number as the maximum capacity determined for the safe re-opening of the church for individual private prayer.

It is important that anyone attending should not exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 or place themselves at risk. See the Government guidance (footnote 2).

2) The usual guidance on hygiene, hand sanitising and people with symptoms not attending church, as

set out in the guidelines for opening for individual prayer, applies.

Preparing the Church for the service Hand sanitisers should be signposted, readily available and easily accessible. Notices should be clearly placed advising people of correct hygiene practices. Consideration should be given as to the flow of groups in and out of the church to minimise any risk of compromising physical distancing, avoiding overlap between different groups while also leaving time for adequate cleaning. The church should be well ventilated, preferably by opening windows and doors where possible.

Safeguarding the Priest/Deacon/Minister Clergy should remain mindful of their own personal hygiene, sanitising/washing their hands before and after the service and again after the committal. Physical contact with mourners and the coffin containing the body is to be avoided.

Reception of Remains The coffin should be brought into the church on a trolley, supplied by the Funeral Directors, and should be manoeuvred by their staff alone. There should be no placing of a funeral pall over the coffin or the Christian symbols, flowers or other objects on the coffin.

During the Service At this time, there should be no singing. Single-use service sheets can be provided which the participants should take with them as they leave the church. In light of the Government advice, additional people are not encouraged to attend the service, such as an organist, vergers, sound system operator, etc. If the family are to participate in the Liturgy of the Word, then they should be provided with single use gloves. They should avoid unnecessary contact with any microphone or the prepared lectionary or the book containing the Prayer of the Faithful. Portable microphones should not be used or passed from hand to hand.

After the Service The church should be closed after the funeral service has finished in order to clean the space according to the Bishops' Conference/Diocesan guidelines on individual prayer. Those cleaning afterwards should wear appropriate equipment (gloves/apron) as set out in the guidance on opening churches for individual prayer. If there is cause for concern regarding the possible contamination of clerical vestments, these should be washed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, using the warmest water setting allowed for the fabric and allowing time for them to dry completely.

The Committal The management of people at the place of committal comes under the local regulations of the cemetery or the crematorium, and these should be observed.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-a-funeral-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-a-funeral-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>