



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

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

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Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 14

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ReOpening our Churches for Mass and other Liturgies: for our Bishop's FAQ see pgs 7-8
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		Services Facebook live-streamed marked FB	Mass Intentions
Saturday 4 July	Sacred Heart St Joseph's	9.30-11.00am Churches open for 12.00-1.30pm Private Prayer	
Sunday 5 July		10.30am Parish Mass FB	Parish Family
Monday 6 July			Joseph Barry McCombe
Tuesday 7 July	Sacred Heart	11.30am-1.00pm Church open for Private Prayer	Private Intention
Wednesday 8 July		11.00am 'Bible Stories Retold' - Child-friendly FB 11.30am Mass - Readings/Hymns pgs 5-6 FB	Deceased Jones & McArdle Families
Thursday 9 July	St Joseph's	9.30-11.00am Church open for Private Prayer	Faithful Departed (November List)
Friday 10 July		12.00nn Angelus and Friday Devotion FB	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday 11 July	Sacred Heart St Joseph's	9.30-11.00am Churches open for 12.00-1.30pm Private Prayer	Parish Family
Sunday 12 July		10.30am Mass FB	Deceased Joyce & Palmer Families

Where times above are in blue, the Church indicated will be open to attendees.
Services given in black, above, will be live-streamed only and with no in-church congregation

Please note carefully: for some time, it will be necessary to pre-book (internet/telephone) to share in Masses, in our and other Churches in our Diocese, on account of limited numbers to allow for physical distancing, and to satisfy regulations to register attendees (records to be held for 3 weeks).

Internet pre-booking will hopefully be set up during this week. Watch our Newsletter for details.

Starting on the weekend of 18/19 July, we are looking, in our Parish, to have Masses:

at St Joseph's - Saturdays 12.00nn (of Sunday) - Sundays 9.00am - Wednesdays 11.30am

at The Sacred Heart - Saturdays 4.00pm (of Sunday) - Sundays 10.45am - Thursdays 12.00nn

We very much need more to help Steward/Sanitise, to maintain these times.

Please do contact Fr Anthony asap, to volunteer.

From Fr Anthony

'Be still and know that I am God.' (Psalm 46:10) Through these words, God invites us to seek quietness and become still. He promises that this stillness will not be an empty experience. It will be a place of encounter. In the stillness he will meet us. Prayer is the name for this encounter. In this meeting he says he will reveal himself to us. He promises we will come to know him. When God says we will know him in the stillness of prayer, he speaks of heart knowledge rather than head knowledge. God does not call us into prayer to offer us information. He wants to reveal his inner self to us as Father, Mother, friend, lover. He invites us into union with himself.

God did not create us and reveal himself to us so we might study him. He wants us to enjoy him, to taste him and be nourished as persons by his love. The Eastern holy man asks his disciples: 'Of what use to you is it to have counted all the mangoes on your tree if you have never tasted one?' Fruit is for tasting, eating - not for counting and analysing. God wants us to experience the joy, warmth and nourishment of his personal love. St Ignatius, in his Spiritual Exercises, says 'It is not abundance of knowledge that satisfies the soul but the feeling and savouring of things internally.' Again, the Psalmist says 'Taste and see that the Lord is good.' (Psalm 34:8)

The Psalmist makes a simple demand, 'Be still.' This must be the briefest treatise on prayer! This instruction from God reminds us of a profound truth so easily forgotten by us, that prayer is God's work rather than ours. God seeks us more that we seek him. He desires our company more than we want to give ourselves to him. We don't have to read spiritual manuals, work out prayer techniques, consult gurus, in order to meet God and experience his loving self-communication. It can be a help to read of the experience of fellow searchers of God, but we must be careful that the study does not become a substitute for the prayer. Also, we must guard against a subtle kind of discouragement which could come from imagining that others have reached heights of prayer to which we are not called. We are all called into this meeting place we call prayer, into this intimate, one to one, union with God.

Prayer is not a performance, a skill, a technique. We can encourage each other, but should not try to copy each other. The love encounter between each person and God is unique. I ought not to compare my prayer experience to yours. Prayer seeks a deep, personal relationship. So methods can be compared, helpful ones can be adopted, but the heart of prayer is a personal encounter. God seeks each of us with a personal love.

Abbreviated from 'Be Still and Know', Introduction, Robert Kelly SJ.



Things happening in our Parish

Can you volunteer to be a Steward and/or help clean at either of our Churches? Please read on and then contact Fr Anthony.

Both our Churches are opening -

but please note, this week for private prayer ONLY.

See pg 1 for times of opening. Stewards will be on hand to help guide, and to help keep us as safe as can be.

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

Otherwise, you are invited to either of our Churches, when open, for a few minutes or for the full period.

At both Churches there is 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 have difficulties with steps*, please, at either of our Churches, speak with a Steward when about to leave, who will ensure you have a clear way through the way you entered.

Please use seats as indicated. Those who come as members of one household may sit together. If requested to wait for a short while by a Steward, to allow for the required safety procedures, please be patient.

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

Reopening for Mass Please note that the procedures for opening our Churches for private prayer, along with other regulations, will continue when we open for Mass.

Regrettably, updates on further requirements have not come through as quickly as we might have hoped. As this newsletter goes to press, some further information is still needed before we can be sure as to when all things will be in place. Rather than set dates that might have to be cancelled, we can confidently look to restart Masses with congregations on **18/19 July**. Please also see pgs 7-8 for other useful details.

The frequency of Masses will be much determined by when our Churches can be cleaned (mostly washing and sanitising benches after **every** Mass). This might be done by the Stewards and/or others (straight after Mass being a best option), but it **must** be done before next opening.

Please note that there will be changes to previous weekday and weekend Mass times. For reasons given on pg 7, **it will be necessary to book places for ALL Masses**. Any who can do this on-line, via our Parish website (once set up), are asked to do so. A few places will be reserved for telephone bookings. Details as to how to book should appear in our Parish Newsletter next weekend, if not before. Our maximum numbers for Mass are presently, at **St Joseph's 40**, and at **Sacred Heart 50**, but Government has set 30 for all else (eg funerals).

Readers will be needed at Masses, but probably not Eucharist Ministers, initially. Altar Servers will be wanted, but see our Parish Newsletter next week for more details.



Parish Facebook We have an active Facebook group. Find us at - **Parish of the Sacred Heart Hemsworth and St Joseph's Moorthorpe.**

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?

When Oliver Plunkett returned from exile, in Rome, to be Archbishop of Armagh, he was determined to tackle a common problem among Irish priests of the time - drunkenness. His being canonised a saint, however, was much more due to his loyalty to his Irish people, during troubled times. He was martyred at Tyburn (London) in 1681, charged with spreading our Catholic Faith, in Ireland.

During the Reformation period, Oliver Plunkett was the last Irish Catholic martyr, now canonised. Who was the first Yorkshire Catholic martyr, since canonised?

AND SERIOUSLY!

While on a long car journey, a couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. The woman unfortunately left her sunglasses on the table, but didn't miss them until they were back on the motorway. The man fussed and complained all the way back. As she went in the man said "While you're in there you might as well get my hat too."



Parish Monies

Thank you very much for your donations:

22-28 June:

Envelopes £225.00

Donate/Text £ 39.00

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

Clearing the Approaches

Von Hugel the writer of *The Mystical Element in Religion*, which I have found useful for understanding religious development, takes



the three main stages in human development – infancy, adolescence and adulthood – describing the predominant needs and activities which characterize each stage. He shows that religion must take account of and nurture the predominant needs and activities of each stage, and so concludes that religion must include three essential elements, an institutional element corresponding to the needs and activities of infancy, a critical element corresponding to adolescence, and a mystical element corresponding to

adulthood. As he analyses each stage of growth, he is careful to show that the needs and activities of infancy do not disappear in adolescence, nor do the needs and activities of adolescence disappear in adulthood, but they should cease to be predominant if we are to grow into the following stage. He also shows the dangers inherent in each stage of growth. Religion must include all three elements, the institutional, the critical and the mystical. There is a constant danger that one element is over emphasised to the exclusion of the other two, or two elements are emphasised to the exclusion of the third, thus stifling the religious development of its members. Von Hugel applies this analysis to all world religions. In the summary, I shall restrict its reference to Christianity.

When I write of 'the Church', unless specific mention is made of a particular Church, the word refers to all Churches, of whatever denomination, who believe 'Jesus is Lord'. In so using the word I am not making any assertions about those who are not explicitly Christian. As a Christian, I believe that God lives in and loves every single human being.

The medieval philosophers had a saying, 'Everything in the mind has its origin in the senses.' All human knowledge, including our knowledge of God, begins with sense impressions. If any of the child's senses are impaired, it is handicapped for life. Babies are laying solid foundations for their education when they keep crawling along the floor touching and tasting everything they can lay their hands on, gurgling with delight as they shake their rattles, staring fixedly at bright colours, wanting to be held and to feel close to their mothers.....



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**
especially Bill Torpey, and his family



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

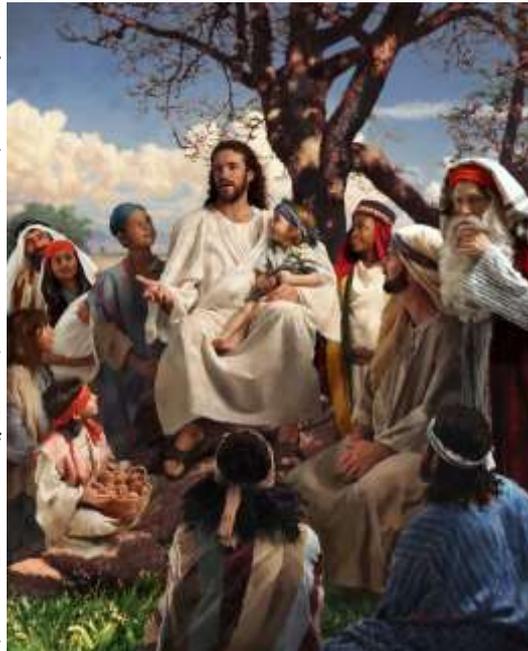
The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 14, Commentary

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

This much-loved and encouraging passage tells of the intimacy of the relationship between Father and Son in a way that no other passage of the synoptic gospels does. It is reminiscent of those passages in John 5 which unfold the equality of Father and Son: the Son does nothing but what he sees the Father doing; the Father loves the Son so that he entrusts all things to the Son; and the Son gives life just as the Father gives life. Then we read about the gentle invitation of the Son to all who are overburdened. The 'yoke' is often a symbol of the Law of Moses, which could seem burdensome with its many commands, though it was also valued as God's revelation of himself to his own people in love. Christ is not a tyrannical master, but is a sympathetic, gentle and humble leader who shares his life with his followers. The 'yoke' or law of Christ is the interior impulse of the Spirit which we read more about in today's second reading. It cannot be burdensome, since it is a joy to carry this 'yoke'; it is a way of living with Christ and by his Spirit. Martyrs are subjected to physical pains, yet for them joy is a constant feature in the accounts of their martyrdom.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

The link between this reading and today's Gospel reading is not immediately obvious, at least in our English translation. The use of a donkey as a mount is a sign that the king will be humble, just as Jesus in the Gospel says that he is humble of heart. This connection is made clear when Jesus makes his messianic entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday mounted 'on a colt, the foal of a donkey'. In the spirituality of the people of Israel during those centuries after the Babylonian exile and leading up to the coming of Christ, this quality of humility, rejection of all pomp and pride of position, was very central. Israel could claim no success because of her own distinctiveness, but was forced to rely on the Lord. The poor and humble were the chosen ones of the Lord. Especially in the Lukan stories of Jesus' infancy it is made clear



that the blessing of God comes to the poor and humble. Zechariah (the father of John the Baptist) and Mary are both poor and disadvantaged. Mary can find no decent place to give birth to her son. Jesus is greeted by impoverished, hireling shepherds. Joseph can afford only the turtledove, an offering of the poor. Simeon and Anna have the disadvantage of advanced old age.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13

Chapter eight of Romans, from which readings for the next three Sundays are chosen, is the chapter of the Spirit. We

have seen that the Christian, baptised into Christ, lives with his life, the life of the Spirit of Christ. This means that the Christian's whole value-system is that of the Spirit, the reverse of the values of the 'flesh'. 'Flesh' in Paul does not mean, as it often does in modern parlance, only the grosser, 'carnal' desires such as gluttony, drunkenness and irresponsible sex. In the Letter to the Galatians 5:18-21 (and in many ways Galatians is a preliminary to Romans) the 'works of the flesh' include such non-physical things as sorcery, rivalry, quarrels, malice. The concept of 'flesh' therefore centres on unchecked or unschooled natural desires, on self-indulgence as opposed to self-control. To live by the law of the Spirit is therefore not to live by the Law of Moses, which merely checks external actions, nor to live

by the law of the flesh, but is to live by the Spirit of Christ, from which love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, trustfulness, gentleness and the other Christ-like motivations well up spontaneously. In this sense the Law of Christ does not restrain from without but impels from within.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year A, Ordinary Time, Sunday 15

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Prayer of the Church

Psalter Week 2

Sun Seasonal Proper
Mon Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Saints)
Tues Seasonal Proper
Wed Seasonal Proper
Thu Seasonal Proper (or + Proper Martyrs)
Fri Seasonal Proper
Sat Proper Saints

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr
Tue Ordinary Week 14
Wed Ordinary Week 14
Thu Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companion
Martyrs
Fri Ordinary Week 14
Sat St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

Gathering Hymn

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

*But you are always close to me
following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
following all your ways, Lord.*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
"I feel your brightness near me."
For you are always . . .

I watch the sunset fading away,
lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.
For you are always . . .

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest –
only your peace is near me.
Yes you are always . . .
John Glynn

First Reading: Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12

Israel was a luxuriant vine
yielding plenty of fruit.
The more his fruit increased,
the more altars he built;
the richer his land became,
the richer he made the sacred stones.
Their heart is a divided heart;
very well, they must pay for it:
the Lord is going to break their altars down
and destroy their sacred stones.
Then they will say,
'We have no king
because we have not feared the Lord.'
But what can a king do for us?
Samaria has had her day.
Her king is like a straw drifting on the water.
The idolatrous high places shall be destroyed –
that sin of Israel;
thorn and thistle will grow on their altars.
Then they will say to the mountains, 'Cover us!'
and to the hills, 'Fall on us!'
Sow integrity for yourselves,
reap a harvest of kindness,
break up your fallow ground:
it is time to go seeking the Lord
until he comes to rain salvation on you.

Responsorial Psalm (144)

Constantly seek the face of the Lord.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!
Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.
Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he makes.

O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose,
he, the Lord, is our God;
his judgements prevail in all the earth.
Constantly seek the face of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
By his own choice the Father made us his children
by the message of the truth,
so that we should be a sort of first-fruits
of all that he created.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7

Jesus summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

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.

Concluding Hymn on next page . . .

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Concluding Hymn

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
 Guide of the wand'rer here below,
 Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy
 care,
 Save us from peril and from woe.
 Mother of Christ, star of the sea
 Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.
 O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid,
 We sinners make our prayers through
 thee;

Remind thy Son that He has paid
 The price of our iniquity.
 Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
 Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
 To thee, blest advocate, we cry;
 Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
 And sooth with hope our misery.
 Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
 Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above
 In Godhead one, in Persons Three,
 The source of life, of grace, of love,
 Homage we pay on bended knee:
 Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
 Pray for thy children, pray for me.

John Lingard (1771-1851)



Especially for our Children



- 1) Zechariah wrote today's first reading - was he a priest, a king, or a prophet?
- 2) Today's second reading was written to the Church in Rome - who wrote it?
- 3) In today's Gospel the word 'revealing' means - singing, showing, or giving?
- 4) In the Gospel who is the Father revealing things to - the learned, clever, or children?

Answers to 1 - 4

1) A Prophet 2) St Paul
 3) Showing 4) Children

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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|-----------|----------|
| BLESS | LABOUR |
| FATHER | REST |
| LEARNED | SHOULDER |
| CLEVER | YOKE |
| REVEALING | GENTLE |
| CHOOSES | HUMBLE |
| COME | LIGHT |

Two Missing Words

Father Yoke

R	E	V	E	R	L	I	G	T	T
C	L	R	E	V	E	L	C	L	S
L	R	E	V	E	A	L	I	N	G
E	E	D	C	B	H	G	C	D	E
A	S	L	O	H	H	C	E	E	B
S	T	U	B	T	O	L	L	N	L
S	R	O	L	M	T	O	I	R	S
E	A	H	E	N	U	B	S	A	S
G	E	S	E	T	L	H	B	E	A
Y	O	G	B	L	E	S	S	L	S

Opening our Churches for Mass and other Liturgies

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS DURING THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC FROM 4 TH JULY 2020 DIOCESE OF LEEDS (Issued by Bishop Marcus on 30 June)

Q 1. Will all churches be open for Masses on 4th July and beyond?

No. Only some churches will be ready to re-open for the celebration of Mass on 4th July; others will re-open for public worship either shortly after or at a much later date. There may be different but very good reasons for this. One of these, is that some parishes may have difficulty recruiting sufficient volunteers to help with the stewarding and cleaning arrangements that need to be in place before a church can re-open safely.

Q 2. How will I know when I can start going to Mass in my local parish?

You will need to read the information that is published on either your parish's own website or in its weekly newsletter. Alternatively, you can telephone your local clergy or parish office to speak to someone or listen to a recorded message with details of the scheduled Mass times which will be offered. Please note that some parishes may offer additional celebrations of Mass or have a changed Mass schedule to the one which operated before the closure of churches on 20 March. It is important to understand that not every parish may yet be able to offer a scheduled Mass for public attendance on or after 4th July (see Q1. above)

Q 3. Will the numbers of people able to go to Mass be restricted?

Yes. Each church building will have a maximum capacity that is determined by its size, seating arrangements and the requirements for social distancing.

Q 4. Now that churches can re-open for public worship, is the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation restored?

No. This Obligation has been suspended by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales; it is unlikely to be restored until the pandemic has ended in this country and people are able to freely attend Mass once again without any restrictions. Consequently, those wishing to attend Mass should consider the possibility of doing so on a weekday. For example, someone who is retired or not in full-time employment during weekdays may be able to attend Mass easily during the week; this would enable the Masses which are celebrated at the weekend to have more room available for those who are only free to attend on a Saturday evening or on a Sunday. Such a willingness to be flexible would ease the pressure on numbers attending Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to attendance at Mass for more people.

Q 5. Will I need to wear a face mask to attend Mass?

No, not if you attend a Mass in the Diocese of Leeds. All churches in the Diocese of Leeds that are able to re-open for the celebration of Mass will keep the 2m social distance requirement. Under the Government's current instructions, this will mean that wearing a face covering will not be compulsory for those attending Mass. However, if the Government's advice should change, then you will be advised accordingly. Those who choose to wear a face mask are of course at liberty to do so and should bring one with them.

Q 6. Can I just turn up for a scheduled Mass in any church?

No. You will need to register your intention to attend a scheduled Mass. You can register either on-line, via a link on your parish's website or by telephoning your parish's usual contact telephone number. The online booking service is totally free to those wishing to register and will require only your name and email address. For telephone registration, only your name and contact telephone number will be required. This will enable us to observe the government regulations which ask that we keep a record for 21 days of the names and contact details of all those who visit our churches; it will assist NHS Test and Trace with requests for that data if needed for contact tracing and the investigation of local outbreaks.

Q 7. Why do I need to register to attend a scheduled Mass?

We wish to ensure, as far as possible, that no one comes to one of our churches and is unable to be admitted due to the social distancing requirements which limit the number of people who can be accommodated safely in the church. The registration will enable the parish priest to know that the safe capacity of the church will not be exceeded.

Q 8. Can I register to attend with members of my family?

Yes. Parishioners will be able to register for their own attendance and, where applicable, include the number of people who will attend with them from their household if sufficient capacity remains available at the time of registration. When the church capacity for a scheduled Mass is reached, it will not be possible to make any further registrations for that specific scheduled Mass.

Q 9. Do I need to register for weekday Masses as well as Sunday Masses?

It may not be necessary to register for attendance at weekday Masses in every church. However, a parish priest may decide to require this should there be a concern that the capacity of the church and the numbers which may attend could result in the ability of parishioners to be socially distanced being placed at risk. You will therefore need to check the information supplied by your local parish.

Q 10. Are there restrictions on who can go to Mass?

Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 coronavirus (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell), or Diocese of Leeds - FAQs... Page 3 anyone from a household with possible or confirmed COVID-19 coronavirus infection should act in accordance with the Government guidance. This means that they should stay at home and not come to Mass. For anyone in this situation they should wait until after they

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Opening our Churches for Mass and other Liturgies

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES (Continued)

Q 10. Continued

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Q 11. Will there be anything different about what I have to do in church when I go to the scheduled Mass I have registered for?

Yes. Please come a little early before the time that Mass is due to start; this is to give time for the stewards to safely admit everyone into church. You may have to queue outside, briefly, especially if you arrive at the last minute! Please be patient and understanding of the responsibilities and work that the stewards have to do, particularly as they and all of us get used to the arrangements we need to follow. Please also note that:

a. The Holy Water stoups will be empty to avoid passing on any infection from the COVID-19 coronavirus. Normally we would make the sign of the cross with the Holy Water on entering the church to remind ourselves of our baptism. Please continue to make the sign of the cross though (without the Holy Water), either as you enter the church or when you genuflect before the Presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle of the church.

b. There will be no Hymn Books or Missals distributed. Paper missalettes and parish newsletters, etc., may be available but are for your individual use only and you should take them away when the celebration of the Mass is concluded; you should not leave any of these in the church at the end of Mass.

c. There will be no congregational singing at Mass. However, there may be organ music and/or a cantor to sing some of the parts during the celebration of the Mass.

d. There will be no children's liturgy of the word.

e. There will be no procession of the offertory gifts and no collection of offerings will be taken during the Mass. You are encouraged to make your donation to the church online or via standing order. However, in some churches there may be collecting plates or boxes for cash offerings placed at the entrances and exits, and these will be overseen by stewards.

f. The Sign of Peace will not be exchanged at Mass.

g. After the priest has said, "Behold the Lamb of God ... Lord I am not worthy", he will hold up the Host to the Congregation and say audibly "The Body of Christ" to which the people should respond "Amen". In the same way, he will elevate the chalice and say, "The Blood of Christ" and again the people should respond "Amen". The reason he will do this is because when you come to receive Holy Communion, this personal affirmation of your faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist which you receive will already have taken place. Doing so at this point will avoid the risk of the transmission of any COVID-19 coronavirus infection from the exhaled spoken breath of either the priest or the communicant during the distribution of Holy Communion (see note 'j.' below).

h. Holy Communion will be distributed under one kind only. Holy Communion from the chalice will not be given. It is our ancient Catholic belief that the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is really and fully present in both the consecrated Host and the Chalice. Therefore, we receive the Real Presence of the Lord wholly and entirely in Holy Communion under one kind.

i. The arrangements for the distribution of Holy Communion may differ according to the seating and layout in different churches. You should listen carefully therefore to any instructions that are given before or during the Mass about how Holy Communion will be distributed. The priest or the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion may bring Holy Communion to you in the place where you are present in the church. Alternatively, you may be required to form a procession (similar to what previously has taken place) to receive Holy Communion; or, you may be asked to receive Holy Communion after the Blessing and dismissal at the end of Mass. The precise arrangements will be determined by your parish priest according to the safest manner suitable for the church where you are attending Mass.

j. Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only. When receiving Holy Communion, you should do so standing, with arms at 'full stretch' so that there is a good distance between the priest (or the Extraordinary Minister) and yourself. Your hands, palms upwards, one on top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible. Holy Communion will be given to you silently. As the priest (or Extraordinary Minister) will be facing you directly at this point, they will NOT say "The Body of Christ" and you should consume the Host immediately and NOT say "Amen" at this point. This will avoid the risk of the transmission of any COVID-19 coronavirus infection from the exhaled breath of either the priest or the communicant when speaking (see note 'g.' above). The priest or deacon will remind the congregation about these arrangements before Holy Communion is distributed.

k. If you or a member of your family normally come for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion rather than receiving Communion, you/they should still fold your arms diagonally across your chest. The priest will make the sign of the cross over you but without saying any words of blessing.

l. There will be no tea/coffee offered after the celebration of Mass. At this time, church halls and other church premises must remain closed for this purpose. Please be aware that due to the current requirements for a thorough sanitisation after usage and the need for enhanced ventilation within them, it may not be possible for the toilet facilities to be open in the majority of churches.