# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF HASLEMERE, HINDHEAD, AND CHIDDINGFOLD

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## Sunday 21st June 2020

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

#### **New Parish Email Address**

Please note the Parish email address. If you wish to contact the Parish Office the email address is now:

Haslemere@abdiocese.org.uk

## **Our Lady of Lourdes Opening Times**

Our Lady of Lourdes is now open for private prayer for a few hours on a Sunday & Wednesday from 3pm to 6pm. It is hoped that eventually we will be able to open for 3hrs each day, Sunday 12noon – 3pm & Wednesday 3pm – 6pm. See below about volunteering for Stewarding and Cleaning.

Please always check the website before attending to confirm the times

# Re-opening of the churches for private prayer.

The Government has announced that churches can be opened from 15th June, for Private Prayer only. This is, of course, the first stage in the transition from 'lockdown'.

Priests will not be able to manage the re-opening of churches on their own. Therefore is essential to recruit a team of stewards to ensure that the guidance set by the Diocese can safely be put into effect.

There is no expectation that all of our churches will be able to open at this stage. There are many circumstances that may prevent this step from being taken now. We are especially concerned about the recruitment of stewards within the parish as they have to meet certain requirements, like safeguard training.

Before the churches can be opened, it is important to remember that no priest or member of the faithful should be put at unnecessary risk. This means that it may not be appropriate for a particular church to be open. Furthermore, it is important that churches open only when they are ready, even if this leads to a delay beyond 15th June.

## **Volunteers for Stewarding and Cleaning**

Our Lady of Lourdes is now open for private prayer only but more volunteers are still required.

It is important that those who volunteer to steward or clean, are not from those instructed to shield themselves nor, as a general rule, from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus. If you are willing to help, please complete the questionnaire on the parish website and send to jodie.ripley@btinternet.com

## Holy Cross Chapel

From Monday 15th June the chapel will re-open for private prayer at the following times: 10.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm. Please observe the following: Only two to a bench. Candles are already in place for you to light, if you wish. Each lasts six hours. Please observe social distancing. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Mass Times and Mass Intentions**

Masses will continue to be said but in private at Our Lady of Lourdes. Any Mass intentions will be said on the requested day. Please do ring or email if you would like a Mass intention. The Parish Website contains a great deal of very useful information and links to interesting reading material and on-line masses. www.catholichaslemere.com

## **Special Indulgence for the COVID-19 Pandemic**

During these extraordinary days, we know that the ways in which we normally experience the working of grace through the Church have largely been suspended.

We cannot be physically present at Mass; the Sacrament of Reconciliation is almost impossible because of closed churches and social distancing and even the anointing of the sick and dying may be severely curtailed. However, through all of this Christ never abandons his people and all the baptised continue to make up the Body of Christ. To assure people of the certainty of grace and mercy, even without the normal recourse to the Sacraments the Holy Father has granted the gift of a Plenary Indulgence to all those affected by the Corona Virus in various ways. This extends to those suffering from the virus, their families, Healthcare workers and the general Faithful who are concerned at this time.

This moment of grace is an opportunity for us to be more completely free from the effects of sin. It can encourage us on our pilgrim path through these difficult times as we are assured of the Lord's healing, forgiveness and the promise of Eternal Life. The requirements for the Indulgence, which are set out in the Decree are gentle and achievable and form a wonderful opportunity for us simply to pray for each other at this time. Now across the world, when people are staying apart to draw together, we can all draw together across the Universal Church in this powerful act of Faith and Hope.

#### An Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

#### **Online Donations for Parishes**

During this challenging time, where we are unable to attend Mass together, you may be worried about your offertory. The Diocese has launched an online 'Parish offertory support campaign' so that parishioners can still make their offertory donation if they wish. Online donations are very easy for many parishioners, require little admin from the parishes and have the capacity to reach many people. The web link for this donation page is

## https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory

It is accessible on computers, laptops, phones and tablets."

The money from the campaign will come in centrally and then be sent to the Parishes accordingly. It is therefore very important that when making your donation in this manner you name your Parish, Priest or area.

You may wish to switch your weekly giving to a Standing Order. The Parish Bank Details are as follows:

Account Name: RCD A&B Our Lady of Lourdes Haslemere; Sort Code: 40-05-20;

Account No: 11077503

As an alternative you might wish to consider posting a cheque to the Parish Office every week/month and write on the back 'Offertory Donation'. We are very grateful to those Parishioners who already make their Offertory donation by Standing Order.

PLEASE NOTE ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED FOR PARISHIONERS

#### HOWEVER FR IREK WILL BE SAYING MASSES IN PRIVATE IN OUR LADY AND LOURDES AT THE TIMES GIVEN BELOW TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sun 21st Jun 6pm (Sat) Our Lady of Lourdes 11am Our Lady of Lourdes John, Mary and Margaret Mc Manus (RIP) Mon 22nd Jun St John Fisher and St Thomas More 10am Our Lady of Lourdes Tues 23rd Jun St Thomas Garnet 10am Our Lady of Lourdes Wed 24th Jun The Birth of St John the Baptist 10am Our Lady of Lourdes Thurs 25th Jun Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 12 Fri 26th Jun Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 12 10am Our Lady of Lourdes Sat 27th Jun St Cyril of Alexandria Sun 28th Jun ST PETER AND ST PAUL 6pm (Sat) Our Lady of Lourdes 11am Our Lady of Lourdes Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes 10.30am by appointment or Confessions: after mass.—NO CONFESSIONS

# Assistance for those in Quarantine or Self-isolating

We are still offering all our Parishioners, particularly the elderly and vulnerable some help with shopping or just a regular friendly phone call. If you would like assistance or just some contact please get in touch.

In order to offer this service we will be needing some volunteers. If you think you could help in any way, even if you are self-isolating and could make a phone call to someone feeling lonely please do contact us.

We are aware that not everyone has access to the internet so if you know of anyone in our Parish requiring any help please also let us know

Please either email on Haslemere@abdiocese.org.uk or phone on 07775972722

#### ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Acts 12:1-11
Psalm: 33
2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18
Gospel
Matthew 16:13-19

## Please pray for:

The sick: Louise Reeve, Frances Greenwood, Maria Campbell Payne, Patricia Reidy, Jodie Ripley, Kate Griffiths, Alice May, Linda Donald, Maura and Anne Murphy, Ian Learmonth, Tish Watkinson, Liz Jupp, William Leeper, Jo Allen, Peter Adolph and Jane Adolph, Carmel & Roland Murray, Teresa Marshall, Dorothy & Gerry O'Donnell, Rosa Costantini, Sebastian Codlin, Hazel Lyons, Lucy O'Donnell, and John Richardson.

The Deceased: Margaret Jeffreys, Ted Samson, Joseph Saxby, Sr Thomas More, Father Seamus Lewis CCsp and Carolina Echegaray