



St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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18/19 JULY 2020 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

The church remains opened for private prayers 9.00-9.30 am before weekday Masses				
16th Sun Ord Time Year A				
Saturday	18th	5.00 pm	Mass	Michael McDonagh R.I.P
Sunday	19th	9.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Mass	Daphne Xavier R.I.P
Monday	20th	9.30 am	Mass -Feria	Health Workers
Tuesday	21st	9.30 am	Mass - Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday	22nd	9.30 am	Mass -Feria	
Friday	24th	9-30 am	Mass -Feria	
17th Sun Ord Time Year A				
Saturday	25th	5.00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	26th	9.00 am	Mass	
		11.00 am	Mass	
Reconciliation		4.30 pm	Before Mass on Saturdays	

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Gina, Mary Bernard, Maria Keith, Tim O., Alba G, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Martin, Anesta and Ramasaway. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Betty Addison, Eileen Morley, Sarafina Spadofara, Benedetta Catarinicchia, Tim Sullivan, Bernard Turner, Daphne Xavier and Mgr John Coghlan (past parish priest of St Joseph's) also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Because God is all-powerful, he governs the world with patience, allowing time for repentance

Second reading: Romans 8:26-27 God understands our ill-expressed wishes better than we do ourselves

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 God will judge all justly at the end of time

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK – Giving Us Time to Grow

Weeding out is not confined to faceless bureaucracy. We're all tempted to try our hand at it. We are sharp at spotting the undesirables, the troublemakers, the misfits. One shudders to think of the people who might have been weeded out if God had not chosen to intervene. Probably most of the saints in the calendar. Peter, after his triple denial in the crucifixion crisis should have been weeded out for failing the leadership test. Strange isn't it, that Christ never weeded out Judas?

The parable of the weeds is starkly simple and yet widely ignored. To the question "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" the answer of Jesus is a categorical "No." And the reason is self-evident. Only God has eyes sufficiently discerning and fingers sufficiently gentle for this job. Weeding out is God's prerogative. Life would be so much better for everybody, if only we would leave it to him.

FUNERAL OF DAPHNE XAVIER

Thank you to those Parishioners who made it to Daphne's funeral at St Joseph's Church Waltham Cross.

Please remember the family in your prayers.

APPRECIATION

As we meet to celebrate the Eucharist after a long break I thank church council members, stewards and individuals who have helped to keep the Church for safe re-opening for public Mass. Thank you to one parishioner Genevieve, who has donated cleaning items to the church. God bless you all.

RE-OPENING OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH FOR MASS

The church is now open for Mass. Masses will be celebrated at the normal times of 9.30 weekdays (except for Thursday) and at 5.00 pm on Saturday and 9.00 am and 11.00 am on Sundays. However we will not be able to return yet to the way we used to celebrate Mass. Two metre social distancing means that the seats will be widely spaced. This means a maximum of twenty people, although a family unit or husband and wife would count as one person, as they could sit next to each other. The Mass will be shorter with parts such as the Gloria and Second Reading left out. You will be asked to use hand sanitisers. When approaching the priest for communion you will be asked to stretch out your arms to make a safe distance and not to say 'Amen' (this will be said altogether before Communion.). There will be no singing. Father will select a reader and they will be asked to wear gloves. The toilet will **not** be open. Please only come to Mass once over the weekend. If you are able to come to Mass during the week, you may count this as your Sunday obligation. Although, as many people are still isolating or shielding, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended. It is to be hoped that those who can come will find a comfort in worshipping together. There will be stewards to ensure everything runs smoothly and they will also clean the church after each Mass.

It is essential that you tell us beforehand that you wish to attend. Please leave a message at the Parish Office 01992 629878, email: allensusan73@gmail.com or send a text to 07939436482. Please leave your name, the total number who are coming and the time of the Mass you wish to attend. If you text or email we will have your details to reply to you if the Mass you want is already full. If you phone the Parish Office please leave some contact details.

RE-OPENING FOR BAPTISMS

Following the reopening of churches, Baptisms will now be allowed to take place. There will however be a limit upon the number of people who can attend - in our case it would be 20. Participants will have to abide by social distancing rules and there will be changes to the service to ensure safety for the baby and those present. If you have a child you wish to have baptised please contact Father Clement by phone 01992 629878 or email cheshunt@rcdow.org.uk

MAKING YOUR OFFERING

Those of you who use envelopes to make your offering will be able to collect your new boxes when you come to Mass. If you cannot come you may ring the presbytery and arrange with Father to collect your box or if that is difficult, he will drop the box off at your house.

If you are unable to come to Mass and you use online banking you might consider making your offering on line by BACS. The parish details are Name of Payee = WRC DT Cheshunt, Sort Code = 40-05-20 Account number = 91264419. **Please put your envelope number as your reference.** (This is important so we can allocate your offering to gift aid etc) If this is not possible, you can go to the Diocesan website for St Pauls and use the form on the donate page - <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cheshunt/donate>.

Thank you to all the Parishioners, who on their own have done this already and thank you to those who will do it in the future.

**I pray for all your intentions as I say the daily Mass. Thank you for your prayers too.
Please stay safe until we can all meet again at church.**