

Sacred Heart Tisbury & All Saints Wardour Castle

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Father Robert says Holy Mass each day at 9.00a.m. within Sacred Heart, Tisbury

FIRST MASS at Sacred Heart, Friday 10th July at 6pm

Churches will be open for private prayer until then at the following times:

Sacred Heart, Tisbury on Saturday 4th July, 10-12 Noon

Tuesday 7th July, 10 – 12 Noon; Thursday 9th July, 2-4pm

All Saints', Wardour, Sunday 5th July, 10.30 -11.00am

Live stream (open if booked) St Osmund's in green below: <https://salisbury Catholics.org/st-osmunds>

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIMES ON SUNDAY

July	5	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A-2 Psalms Week 2 <i>Diocesan prayer league: St Benet, Kemerton, St Joseph, Tewkesbury, St Nicholas, Winchcombe, with Bishop's Cleeve English Martyrs, Tuffley, Gloucester</i>
		St Osmund's MASSES (streamed and open if booked- see below) 09.00; 11.00; 12.15 Ordinariate MASS ; 18.00
	6	Monday 10.00 and 19.00 MASS St Osmund's
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	10	Friday Mass at Sacred Heart 6.00 p.m. 10.00 and 19.00 MASS St Osmund's
	11	Saturday FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE Mass at Sacred Heart, 9.30 a.m. 10.00 MASS St Osmund's
	12	SUNDAY FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Psalms Week 3 <i>Diocesan prayer league: St Dunstan, Keynsham St Bernadette, Whitchurch</i>

Mass times for Sacred Heart, Tisbury and All Saints', Wardour.

Friday 10th	Tisbury 6.00 p.m.
Saturday 11th	Tisbury 9.30 a.m.
Sunday 12th	Tisbury 9.00 a.m and 6.30 p.m. Wardour 11.00 a.m.
Monday 13th	Tisbury 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday 14th	Wardour 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday 15th	Wardour 5.30 p.m.
Thursday 16th	No Mass.

Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. *Amen.*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month: Our Families That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance

PRAYERS: for all those suffering; for the kindly helpers in all sorts of areas of our lives; for those alone, the worried and those who are unwell. Amongst our parishioners, Nick Weeks in Odstock Hospital, John Bell in Southampton Hospital, Mary Maidment at Avonbourne, Mary MacDermot (now back at home) and Elizabeth Croft in hospital.

St Osmund's Masses- open from 4th July: There will be a centralised booking system for **St Osmund's Masses**. Call 01722 562703 or email outreach@salisburycatholics.org Bookings will only be taken on this number and email address. Booking has already commenced. Sunday 4th : 9,11,12.15 and 6pm. Individual Private Prayer at St Osmund's: Monday to Friday 12:00 to 14:00; Saturday & Sunday 14:00 to 16:00. **See St O's newsletter for more information**

OTHER PARISH NEWS:

When we do open Masses to the public, those attending should, if possible, wear a mask. Sanitiser will be offered on entering the church. Stewards will indicate where to sit. If people have forgotten to bring a mask or wish to obtain one.... a limited number of masks will be offered at the church entrance. These are made by a local group and are sold in aid of Odstock Hospital's STARS appeal. Opening for quiet prayer will cease when Masses become public as people may choose to remain after Mass to say their prayers. Footfall on any day we have been open so far has failed to reach double figures (unless you count each foot as two people).

It will be necessary to have a responsible member of the congregation among the attendees at each weekday Mass, and two on Sundays as stewards. No stewards, no public Mass, so be prepared to be caught on the way in and allocated a duty. Let RM know if you will be Sunday steward. And where possible to avoid a Sunday crowd, the Bishops ask you to consider attending a weekday Mass. Volunteer stewards are essential at public Masses. I am grateful to those who have or will be stewards.

The Salisbury registrar is now booking weddings.

Confessions are available.

Finally, I gather an email has been circulated in my name (again). These are not from me (I never begin an email with 'Hi there'). RM

Plants for Sale: all takings to Mary's Meals. We have alstroemerias in flower, tiger lilies not yet in flower, some herbs, a black hollyhock and other plants. Please contact Mike and Liz Montgomery on 01747 828403 to arrange a time. We are right beside the Forester pub in Donhead St Andrew.

Virtual pilgrimage: you might like this- <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/39923>
https://cafodhexhamnewcastle.wordpress.com/?blogsub=confirming#blog_subscription-3

Prayers including prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, are now collated under the 'Further Resources' tab on Clifton Liturgy Office section of the website and may be accessed here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office/>

The Alice Combes Trust supported by The Lord Arundell of Wardour Charitable Trust have created a special fund to distribute to people who are currently suffering financial hardship as a direct result of Covid-19. Sean Moran: 01747 871258 or email alicecombestrust@gmail.com

From Father Robert: *We have heard the Government injunctions to wash our hands properly (singing 'Happy Birthday' twice - or, for Catholics, perhaps an Our Father and Hail Mary) so often in the last few months that it has become almost a mantra, or even, through constant repetition, something we no longer hear.*

If you have a Bible to hand, you will discover that washing appears regularly throughout. For basic hygiene, try Matthew 15 v 2, where Jesus and his disciples are chided for not hand-washing. Much of it is ritual, a Middle Eastern custom (while we were still dressed in woad - the last British field of woad was ploughed up to plant flax in Lincolnshire in 1918); but a ritual with origins lost in the mist of time, and something which still precedes a visit for prayer in either mosque or Temple. Catholics, when COVID-19 restrictions permit of water in stoup or font, will use the water in the stoup on the way into church to bless themselves; ideally to remind themselves of their Baptism. And Baptism itself, that life-changing event, is seen as a form of cleansing, of spiritual hygiene; survival too, giving us a place beyond the grave.

Water was and is a precious commodity. Think of CAFOD pictures showing water being fetched from a communal tap (or worse), sometimes miles away, using some old plastic or metal container, and often the work of the women or children - heavy work.

In Biblical times, as desert people do even today, people walked bare footed in sandals, often for many miles. Guests would be welcomed by having their feet washed. There are frequent references in the Bible to foot washing. On Holy Thursday Jesus washed his disciples' feet. The woman in the Gospel story washed Jesus' feet with her tears, drying them with her hair (long hair sometimes understood as an indication of her profession), and anointed them with very expensive ointment. In some Old Testament books (cf Lev 20 v19. Ruth 3 vv 4, 8 among many possible examples) uncovering or covering the feet can refer to other bodily functions than walking. Now we think in terms of luxuriating in a whole-body shower; then, when water was precious because limited, using it for particular areas of the body where hygiene was specially important; in short, reminding us that what we do with the whole body is important, not just with our hands.

And so to what is probably the best-known instance of hand-washing in the Bible: a gesture of innocence, Pontius Pilate washing his hands when Jesus is condemned to death (Matthew 27 v 24). We still say of something with which we do not wish to be associated, 'I wash my hands of the whole affair'. So for Christians - others too, perhaps - hand washing can, perhaps should, be done carefully, a time for self-examination. If done as regularly as the Government would wish, such a brief spiritual exercise would obviate the need to sing Happy Birthday, and help keep us pure in thought, word and deed; in actions and intentions.

RM

Sea Sunday 12th July: Father's usual blessing of the hats for Apostleship of the Sea will be delayed this year. KEEP KNITTING!
Sea Sunday 2020 postponed

In the light of the uncertainty posed by Covid-19, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have decided to postpone Sea Sunday 2020 from July 12 to December. The date has not yet been finalised, but it is likely to be either Sunday 13 or Sunday 20 December. The income generated from Sea Sunday is crucial in maintaining support for seafarers and fishers and we are very grateful that the Bishops have found a way to rearrange Sea Sunday. (Stella Maris/AoS)

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.

Church leaders call on the UK government to help deter annexation of the West Bank

Church leaders from the United Reformed Church, Church of Scotland, Quakers in Britain, Methodist Church, Church of England and Catholic Church have called on the UK government to help deter annexation of the West Bank, which could begin from 1 July:

We stand alongside the Holy Land's Christian leaders, who have warned that the Israeli Government's plan to annex parts of the West Bank after 1 July "would bring about the loss of any remaining hope for the success of the peace process."

All our Churches are committed to promoting justice and peace for everyone who calls the Holy Land their home. If annexation proceeds, it would gravely undermine international law with serious consequences for the common good of our global society.

The UK Government should do everything in its power to deter annexation. Only a robust response, working alongside others in the international community, can help to prevent this tragedy.

We remain united in prayer that plans for annexation will be abandoned, allowing for renewed efforts towards a negotiated solution that upholds the human dignity of Palestinians and Israelis alike.

Rt Rev Declan Lang

Bishop of Clifton, Catholic Church

Derek Estill, *Moderator of the General Assembly, United Reformed Church*

Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, *Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland*

Paul Parker, *Recording Clerk, Quakers in Britain*

Rev Dr Jonathan Hustler, *Secretary of the Methodist Conference*

Rt Rev Christopher Chessun, *Bishop of Southwark, Church of England*

The Bishop of Plymouth, Bishop Mark O'Toole has described the announcement of the resumption of public masses as a "return from exile". Citing the experience of the return of the Jewish people to worship in Jerusalem, after the Babylonian exile, Bishop Mark reflected, "These last months have been an exile for us, too. An exile even from our own churches. An exile from the regular celebration of the Sacraments. An exile from the normal pastoral life of the Church".

Urging that the "steps we must take in this return are to be gradual", he reminded people that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday was still suspended and asked people "to be conscious of their fellow parishioners" and to go to Mass on a day other than Sunday, if possible, so that those who could only go on a Sunday would be able to attend Mass.

The Bishop asked priests to continue the live streaming of Mass, and quoted from a moving email he had received, where one person wrote:

"As an old person living alone who is shielding, I have hugely appreciated the daily masses online..... Can I beg you not to stop them when public masses can be said again? Please remember people shielding have to stay in until 1 August. Even then, some of us....are scared....Please do not abandon us."

In looking forward to the resumption of public mass this weekend, Bishop Mark recalled the Gospel of his Ordination day, thirty years ago, from Matthew Chapter 11, which happens also to be the Gospel to be proclaimed this weekend. He reminded people that this Gospel speaks of God's preference for the "little ones....for mere children", and rejoiced in "how much is done, how much influence and impact there is by a parish in its local community, when there is a relatively small proportion of local people going to the church."

Bishop Mark acknowledged the presence of real fear in people's life, in the face of "how deadly this virus can be". He recognised that people will return to Mass slowly and anticipated that the numbers may be relatively small to begin with. He asked people to wait and see if this is, "a sign of a greater shift in people's practise of their faith."

He recognised that the last months have taught us that "as human beings we are not masters of our world". He pondered on the negative impact the virus has had, noting, "because this virus seems to be able to hit any of us, at any time, we may be tempted to believe that our life, and a possible immanent death, does not matter. Am I just another statistic?"

Instead, he reminded everyone that, "God is *our* Father. He looks at each of us with the self-same love with which He looks eternally at His Son..... Each one is infinitely loved by our God, desired by Him, and looked upon by Him with a continuous loving gaze." In this vein, the Bishop asked all to remember that, "it is in living close to Jesus, making our way to Him, that we are given the rest for which we all long".

"It is no wonder" the Bishop said, "that our hearts.... are filled with deep gratitude to God that this 'return from exile' is coming soon". <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-describes-return-from-exile-as-churches-prepare-to-celebrate-public-masses-again/>