

St Aidan's Parish - Sunday 26th July 2020

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FR KEN WRITES

Let us continue in our prayer for and support of all who are suffering through the coronavirus, especially those in the badly affected parts of our world.

PLANS TO RE-OPEN

Thank you to everyone who has come forward and offered to help, either by cleaning the church before a Mass, stewarding during Mass, or our more usual roles of reader and Eucharistic minister. We had a meeting on Thursday to run through how things will work, and are confident that St Aidan's will be 'Covid secure' when we re-open. Every Mass will need a cleaner, two stewards, a reader and a Eucharistic minister, and if those roles are not filled then the Mass will not be able to go ahead. With this in mind, if you were thinking of volunteering but have not yet come forward, or you would like to know more about what the roles entail then please email the office. You must be under 70, in good health and not shielding.

We are on track to begin to celebrate public Masses on Saturdays and Sundays from Saturday 1st August at 6.00pm and Sunday 2nd August at 11.00am, and hope to add some daily Masses in due course. Entrance to the church will be via the main doors at the back, where parishioners will be directed to a pew by a steward. We have re-arranged the pews to ensure that parishioners will be 2 metres away from those in a different household; in order to achieve this there will only be 13 pews open and so capacity will be greatly reduced. The gallery, chapel and choir area are closed, as are the toilet and baby change area. Masses will be shorter than usual, with only one reading, a short homily and without singing. Communion will be under one kind in the hand only, and stewards will direct parishioners to come up in turn. At the end of Mass stewards will direct parishioners to leave via the side door, and the offertory collection will be as you leave. There will be hand sanitiser at both the entrance and exit to the church and all parishioners will be encouraged to use it. As parishioners will be sitting 2 metres away from other households masks are not mandatory, although they are highly recommended. We will not be providing masks, so if you are planning on wearing one please bring your own. The Mass books have been put away, and there will be no printed 'Sunday Message' or newsletter so please bring your own missal to follow the Mass.

We will be keeping a close eye on any change in guidance around indoor public spaces and the public celebration of Mass. There is more information about re-opening churches, with a list of frequently asked questions, on the Diocesan website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/reopening-of-our-churches/> but please email the office if you have a query that has not been answered there or in this newsletter.

DIARY

Date	Private Mass	Mass Intention
Sunday 26 th July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish
Monday 27 th July	Feria	Josephine Gatter RIP
Tuesday 28 th July	Feria	Jack & Bridget Chambers RIP
Wednesday 29 th July	St Martha	Mary Nelson RIP
Thursday 30 th July	Feria	Julieta Castelino RIP
Friday 31 st July	St Ignatius of Loyola	Private Intention
Saturday 1 st August	St Alphonsus Liguori	Private Intention
Sunday 2 nd August	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	People of the Parish