

# St John the Evangelist

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Mass Times this Week:

Saturday 17	Feria
10:45am	Confessions
5:45pm	Mass: <i>The Abbot</i>
Sunday 18	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am	Mass: <i>Annette Maria Harmer</i>
Monday 19	Feria
Tuesday 20	Feria
Wednesday 21	Feria
09:30am	Mass: <i>Teresa Rock</i>
Thursday 22	St Mary Magdalene, Mem
Friday 23	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious, patron of Europe, Feast
09:30am	Mass: <i>Venerable Mary Ward</i>
Saturday 24	Feria
10:45am	Confessions
5:45pm	Mass: <i>Annie O'Donnell</i>
Sunday 25	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am	Mass: <i>Parish</i>

## Changes from MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY: FREEDOM DAY??

As you know, this Monday is supposed to see the relaxation of most covid restrictions so I am writing to let you know how this is going to impact on our current practice in church. The following is based closely on the guidance from the bishops but we have also been thinking carefully about the best way to proceed. I think it far better to play it safe and go cautiously for the next few weeks or so, not least since cases of the Indian variant are rising sharply across the country – some weeks ago there were only 4 cases per 100,000 people in Hambleton: today, I see there are **489** (compared with 181 in Ryedale!).

As a result I suggest we all follow these guidelines, based on the instructions issued by the bishops:

- From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July THERE IS NO LONGER ANY NEED TO BOOK A PLACE AT MASS. Please bear in mind that this will probably result in a fuller church, especially at weekends!
- From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH-CLEANING REQUIRED AFTER EVERY MASS. Instead, the church will be cleaned once a week, as before.
- Please continue to sanitise your hands when entering.
- Please try to find a place in church which is not directly behind anyone else (this will probably not be possible at weekends); that said, all places in the church are now available for use.
- May I ask you all to continue wearing masks/face-coverings unless you are exempt. Masks are

designed to protect principally those in our vicinity rather than ourselves and many parishioners will feel far more re-assured if those near them are wearing them.

- The Offertory procession, the Sign of Peace, Communion from the chalice and the use of holy water remain suspended. As far as I know, the Sunday/Holyday obligations remain suspended also.
- Singing will be resumed once local infections have greatly reduced.
- Please continue the practice of being ushered up for Holy Communion by the steward: there is simply no possible “one-way” system within the church as people return to their places.
- From Monday, THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM (THROUGH THE HALL) AT THE END OF MASS IS NOT REQUIRED. On your way out of church please be very sensitive to the concerns of others and avoid forming a crowd as you approach the doors and porch.
- Each row in church continues to be lettered. PLEASE TRY TO REMEMBER THE ROW YOU WERE IN, in case someone later proves covid-positive; we could then send an email out to say that a case has been reported from row E, for example, which may give you some help in being aware of possible risk.
- Sadly, I feel it is wiser to delay the re-introduction of coffee after Sunday Mass!

So for the time being it is, largely “more of the same”; the bishops’ emphasis now is to respond to conditions as they are in the locality, so you may be sure that it is my intention to remove ALL restrictions as soon as possible once it is clearly safer to do so in this area. In the meantime we must pray hard for each other and, indeed, for the whole world as this pandemic continues. Fr James.

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### **Prayer to St Michael**

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

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### **Thought for the Week**

*Right is Right, even if nobody does it. Wrong is wrong even if everybody is wrong about it.*

G.K. Chesterton

### **Mass Intention Requests to Fr James**

If you would like a Mass said, please write the intention on an old envelope with the offering inside. With advanced notice we can try for a specific date, otherwise we will use the next available slot.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### ▪ *July*

- 16/17: SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs and are asking pro-life supporters to organise a meeting with their MP on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to vote against both.
- Thu 22: 7pm in the Methodist Chapel - Churches Together meeting with speaker Brian Hendlesby from the New Inn. Also the CTED AGM.
- Sun 25: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to grandparents, the elderly, and all those who participate in a solemn celebration of this day, as well as to those who spend time (actually or virtually) with an elderly person in need on this day.

### **Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings**

- Thank you for last week’s offertory collections: £188.05
- The collection for Stella Maris raised £174 – thank you very much

## APF Red Boxes

Thank you for those received so far, which are now available for collection in the porch. If you have an overflowing box, please do bring it in – it can be left in the porch for collection. Bulletin availability: hard copy from box at kitchen door

Please help yourself, or let Kathryn have your email if you would like a soft copy.

## Rotas

Thank you to those who help out by stewarding and reading at all Masses. Please could we have a few more names for the flower rota? Many thanks!

It has been suggested some people would prefer an organised rota for the weekday Masses as well. If you would like to go onto such a rota, please let Kathryn know.

	Steward(s)	Reader	Flowers
Sat 17 July	Fulfords	Ted Melling	
Sun 18 July	Trish or Jane	Jenny Tomalin Reeves	Dorothea McMahon
Sat 24 July	Frams	Michael Fram	
Sun 25 July	Lizzie Stewart	Jill Simpson	Dorothea McMahon

## Eggs: slight delay in production

Many thanks to Trish and Jane. Temporary lack of eggs due to cunning Mr Fox, but hopefully a new supply in a couple of months. You are still welcome to donate to the Poor Box. Many of you are doing so, because we were able to send a cheque for £100 to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Leeds.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

*the Infirm and Housebound:* Sally Agar, Rita Ashbridge, Mary Capaldi, David Craig, Paul Gallagher, Gerry Kelly, and Darren Kennedy;

*the Sick:* Jenny Cook, Murray Grant, Marta Hatfield, Sarah Hodgkinson, Derrick Johnson, Mary Melling, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Krystyna Najgrodzka, Vincent O'Donnell, Teresa Catherine Powers, Anne Waggott and Tilly (Middlesbrough);

*those who have died recently:* Jeff Brown;

*and those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:* Audrey Hogarth, Teresa Burke, Peter Kearney, Sr St Paul, Leanne Neilson and Mary Isabel Andrews.