



A message from Fr Adrian: We have now received the Structural Engineering report this week with recommendations on how best to check and repair the entire ceiling. I am happy to say that, with the scaffolding up in the Central Nave as protection, the Insurance company and the Diocese have confirmed that we can soon reopen to a Sunday Mass. The start of work and the exact date we can open will be confirmed once the repair schedule is agreed, but it is likely to be the second Sunday in September. More details will be given as soon as I have them, but please remember, under Government regulations, we now have to adhere to a safe limit on the number of people coming to Mass. This number which change according to the number of individuals or household / bubble groups attending, but is likely to range from a minimum of 45 unconnected individuals to a maximum mix of up to 90 individuals and families. Details on how to book a seat for our 11 am Sunday Mass as an individual or a family will be sent out when our start date is confirmed. When we can open for Sunday Mass there will be one Mass at 11 am, with Volunteer Stewards needed to clean before and after. Our aim is to build up more Volunteer Stewards so that we can have a 6.30 pm Sunday Mass too, but we don't have enough volunteers yet for this, or for a 9.30 am Mass, so please continue to keep the Parish and our volunteer needs in your prayers. This is a project that we have to totally fund ourselves: there is no grant from the Diocese, from the Vatican or from any charities we could apply to. I have deliberately not chosen to fundraise for the project yet until we can be clear on what the way forward and the total cost will be, but thank you for your concern and patience as we prepare to meet the costs of safely opening up our church again. As soon as I have news I will email out to all the Parish members who have registered their email with us via the link <https://mailchi.mp/c26803e66e8d/stmarymags> **Although this will be the last formal newsletter until the end of August, I will email each week with the Mass schedule and with any urgent news such as the ceiling update.** Naturally, my aim is to be able to return to our normal public schedule of Masses as soon as possible, but this can only be when the church is safe both in terms of the ceiling and with the special preparation and cleanliness needed to tackle Covid-19. If you are seeking for your child to be baptised, please see the note at the bottom of the page as these will begin again before public Mass.

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

23rd – 30th August 2020

Sunday 23 rd August 21st Sunday Yr A	11am	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email
Monday 24 th (St Bartholomew)	9am	Alice Hiller RIP [30 th anniversary]
Tuesday 25 th (Feria)	9am	Canon Bernard Jose [Foundation Mass]
Wednesday 26 th (Feria)	9am	Claire Slingo RIP
Thursday 27 th (St Monica)	9am	Nicola Bignell & Family
Friday 28 th (St Augustine)	9am	Kathleen Carncross
Saturday 29 th (Passion of St John the Baptist)	9am	Teresa B. Corr [Foundation Mass]
Sunday 30 th August 22nd Sunday Yr A	11am	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email

Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

The sick and house bound are very much at the heart of the church and support us in their prayers as we support them in our prayers at every Mass. Please remember all the sick of our Parish, those who care for them and those in any kind of need. **Individual names of the sick can be emailed to Fr Adrian for inclusion at the daily Mass.**

Luke 10:20

“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mona Miller, David Purdey, William Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat, Albert Bruce, Edward Goggins, Alice Hiller and for all those whose anniversaries occur near this time. **May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**
The names of those who have died are taken from the Death Register, if you would like to include in prayer an individual whose funeral did not occur here please list their name in an email to Fr Adrian and please state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.

Please note: when it is possible for us to open, we will make plans for church funerals and the celebration of Sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Until that point Fr Adrian will continue to celebrate funerals at the crematorium or at the graveside with the small number of close family and friends allowed by UK Government regulations. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Over the next couple of weeks, Fr Adrian will email all those who have requested baptism or confirmation so as to begin to make plans for the celebration. It is hoped that our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated once the new school term has begun, but further details will be sent out once we know the ceiling repair plans and a schedule of works. As soon as Fr Adrian has any news he will email the families concerned.