



A message from Fr Adrian: with the help of members of the Parish Finance Committee and the Diocesan Property Department, our proposal for the ceiling repair received the approval of the Diocesan Trustees. From this coming Monday, the central Nave of the church will be shrouded by scaffolding to enable the inspection and report of an independent Buildings' Surveyor. We hope and pray that the damage to the ceiling is limited so that the repair works can be under our projected budget of £40,000. **Do please keep this work in your prayers as the safety of everyone who comes through our church buildings is paramount;** but there is a danger that, if more extensive damage is discovered, we will have to return to the Diocese to seek the approval of the Art and Architecture Committee in how best to preserve the ceiling. 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

2nd – 9th August 2020

Sunday 2 nd August 18 th Sunday Ordinary Time	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 3 rd (Feria)	9am John & Vicki Aver
Tuesday 4 th (St John Vianney)	9am Private Intention (Tish Deacon)
Wednesday 5 th (Feria)	9am Private Intention (Tish Deacon)
Thursday 6 th (Transfiguration of the Lord)	9am Henry Sleeman [Foundation Mass]
Friday 7 th (Feria)	9am Peter & Elizabeth Sherston-Baker RIP
Saturday 8 th (St Dominic)	9am Peter & Elizabeth Sherston-Baker RIP
Sunday 9 th August 19 th Sunday Ordinary Time	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

Alice O'Neill, Norbert Healy, Joyce Culnane, Susan Hooper, Brendan Corr, Winifred Kitts and 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.