



St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 26th July 2020

Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday (A)

NB. Normal time Sunday & weekday 10am Masses resumed on Saturday 4th July - **not the weekday 7am Mass** - with many restrictions, including numbers allowed in church at any one time, in place. For booking info see next column. Please listen to announcements and watch out for other notices on the website during this period for the latest updates.

(Usual) SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.) 6.00pm Vigil Mass
9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Mass
5.30pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 27th 10am Mass
Feria

Tuesday 28th 10am Mass
Feria

Wednesday 29th 10am Mass
St Martha (Memorial)*

Thursday 30th 10am Mass
Feria, or St John Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Friday 31st 10am Mass
St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial)

Saturday 1st August 10am Mass
St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year A; Weekdays cycle 2

This Sun: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12;

Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

M. Jer 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35

T. Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matt 13:36-43

W. Jeremiah 15:10,16-21;

John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 *

Th. Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

F. Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58

S. Jer 26:11-16,24; Matthew 14:1-12

Next Sun: Isaiah 55:1-3;

Romans 8:35-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday (A)

SHRINE LAMPS are temporarily suspended. We continue to pray for each other & for those most in need.

BULLETINS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As we embark on the Summer Holiday, although this year the lead up has been very different, many of us will be away as usual, visiting family or having a break. As in previous years, there will be a bumper bulletin for August and that will be next week's edition, which will be the last one until September. Please send any items you would like included by Tuesday 28th July to newmalden@rcaos.org.uk. Just a reminder that if you would like to request a Mass Intention, you can also do so via the same email address or by calling 07488 241753. Thank you.

PARISH DONATIONS / GIVING - We are pleased to announce that we can now accept cashless donations for the Parish by debit and credit cards from all the major card schemes, using the handsets at the back of Church.

On the handset screen are a number of amounts you can choose, but if these do not suit you, you can choose a different amount to donate.

You can donate contactlessly, or you can insert your card into the keypad where you can authorise your donation using your card's PIN.

You will be asked to register for Gift-Aid, and you would only have to do this the first time you donate. **NB.** You will need register even if you are already registered as a Gift-Aider with the parish.

If you want to give your donation to the Parish Collection as cash, there are baskets at the back of Church. If you would like to give regularly by standing order, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks on behalf of the parish.

BOOKING FOR MASS IN CHURCH - Because of the restricted numbers we can accommodate, we have a booking system in place. Details of how to book online are on our website and displayed at our streamed Masses. Please call **07585 710679** if you do not have access to the internet.

Face-coverings: please note and let others know that this is a pre-requisite of entering the church, and you will not be able to come in without one.

Track and Trace: In compliance with the government's Track & Trace programme designed to limit the spread of COVID 19, we are required to keep for 21 days the contact details of all attending Mass, after which they will be destroyed, so please be understanding if you are asked to provide this info.

MASS INTENTIONS: Sun (Sat) 6pm Deacon John Sampson RIP, 9.30 Braz Joseph Desa RIP - Anniversary, 5.30 People of the Parish; Mon. 10. Teresa Wright RIP; Tue. 10. Veronica Peters RIP and Intentions of Angel Peters; Wed. 10. Carlos Apurado; Thurs. 10. Special Intention; Fri. 10. Joseph Udom Pongsaksiri RIP - Anniversary; Sat. 10. Carmen Couto RIP; Sun (Sat) 6pm Martin Fitzpatrick RIP, 9.30 Intentions of the Browne Family, 5.30 People of the Parish.

****LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST JOSEPH'S - UPDATE**

Although we now have Masses back in church, we will still be live-streaming a daily Mass, for those who cannot be in church.

Streamed Masses will be the 10am Mass from Mon - Sat, and the Sun 9.30am Mass.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCETxMGsRdJ1GdpsZmaxlFGQ>

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Safeguarding Rep: Mr Andrew Stables: 020 8942 7942 Caretakers: Oliver Patton; John O'Hara (contact via the Parish Office)

The PARISH OFFICE is officially closed for the Summer Holidays

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St Martha ~ Wednesday 29th July

St. Martha is mentioned in three Gospel passages: Lk 10:38-42, Jn 11:1-53 and Jn 12:1-9, and the type of friendship between her and her siblings, Mary and Lazarus, with the Lord Jesus is evident in these passages.

In the Gospel of Luke, Martha receives Jesus into her home and worries herself with serving Him, a worry that her sister Mary, who sat beside the Lord's feet "listening to Him speak," doesn't share. Her complaint that her sister is not helping her serve draws a reply from the Lord who says to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

The over anxiousness she displays in serving is put into the right context by Jesus, who emphasises the importance of contemplating Him before all things.

"Martha was focused on doing what she thought was most loving. She wanted to offer Him the best hospitality; and she was certain she knew what was best," said Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted in his homily for Mass on July 21, 2019 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Phoenix. "Martha thought that her work was more important than sitting at Jesus' feet."

"Jesus does not dismiss the value of Martha's hospitality. That's why Jesus Himself multiplied the fish and the loaves to feed thousands near the Sea of Galilee, and why He changed water into wine at the Wedding Feast in Cana," Bishop Olmsted added. "But He also spent entire nights in prayer; and frequently He withdrew from the crowd to be absorbed in loving communion with the Father."

St. Martha is the patron of housewives, servants, waiters and cooks.



St Ignatius Loyola (1491 - 1556) ~ Friday 31st August



Ignatius (or Iñigo) was born in Loyola in the Spanish Basque country. He was a soldier, but was wounded in the battle of Pamplona (against the French) at the age of 30. During a long convalescence he read a life of Christ and a collection of lives of the saints, and discovered that his true vocation was to devote his life wholly to God. He was as systematic about this as he had been about his military career: he spent a year's retreat in a Dominican friary, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and then set about learning Latin.

Such enthusiasm in a layman caused grave suspicion in the Spanish authorities, and he was questioned and imprisoned more than once. He moved to Paris in 1528 and continued his studies; and then in 1534 Ignatius and six companions bound themselves to become missionaries to the Muslims in Palestine. By the time they were ready to set out, war made the journey impossible and so the group (now numbering ten) offered their services to the Pope in any capacity he might choose. A number of them were duly ordained and they were all assigned to various tasks. Soon it was proposed that they should organise themselves into a regular religious order, and in 1540 the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) was formed. Ignatius was the first Superior General until his death. Soon after their foundation the Jesuits began to meet the challenge of the Reformation: a tough task, given the debilitated state into which the Church had fallen, but one which, as Ignatius said, had to be undertaken "without hardwords or contempt for people's errors".

Ignatius had a gift for inspiring friendship, and was the recipient of deep spiritual insight. Soon after his conversion Ignatius wrote the Spiritual Exercises, a systematic step-by-step retreat that can be followed by anyone – and has been followed by many, not all of them Catholics, ever since.

St Alphonsus Liguori (1696 - 1787) ~ Saturday 1st August

Saint Alphonsus Liguori was born in Marianella near Naples on September 27, 1696. He was the first born of a rather large family belonging to the Neapolitan nobility. He received a broad education in the humanities, classical and modern languages, painting and music. He composed a *Duetto* on the Passion, as well as the most popular Christmas carol in Italy, *Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle*, and numerous other hymns. He finished his university studies earning a Doctorate in both civil and canon law and began his practice in the legal profession.

In 1723, after a long process of discernment, he abandoned his legal career and, despite his father's strong opposition, began his seminary studies. He was ordained a priest on December 21, 1726, at the age of 30. He lived his first years as a priest with the homeless and marginalised young people of Naples. He founded the "Evening Chapels". Run by the young people themselves, these chapels were centres of prayer, community, the Word of God, social activities and education. At the time of his death, there were 72 of these chapels with over 10,000 active participants.

Alphonsus' greatest contribution to the Church was in the area of Moral Theological reflection with his *Moral Theology*. This work was born of Alphonsus' pastoral experience, his ability to respond to the practical questions posed by the faithful and from his contact with their everyday problems. He was consecrated bishop of St. Agatha of the Goths in 1762. He was 66 years old. He tried to refuse the appointment because he felt too old and too sick to properly care for the diocese. In 1775, he was allowed to retire from his office and went to live in the Redemptorist community in Pagani where he died on August 1, 1787. He was canonised in 1839, proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1871 and Patron of Confessors and Moralists in 1950.



ST JOSEPH'S ONLINE GROUPS - Throughout lockdown, many of St Joseph's parishioners have been meeting online to keep in touch spiritually and will continue to meet over the next few months, some weekly and others fortnightly. Please do join us – we would love to see you there!

All groups meet online using Zoom video conferencing, with new meeting IDs and passwords issued before each meeting. For further information about the online groups and details on using the Zoom code, please contact Anne D'Silva on annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk. Click on this link for details of the groups, which are also on our Website and Facebook page: <http://catholicnewmalden.org/parish/st-josephs-online-groups/>

New 9.30am Sunday Refreshment Co-ordinator needed. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please either contact Maura directly on 07854 302009 or contact Agnes on 07488 241753.

Youth Club Helpers: There are occasionally not enough male and female helpers available to viably run the club, which normally meets every fortnight at 6.30pm on Sundays. If you can spare one or two hours once a month, please consider volunteering for this very worthy service to our parish and especially the future of the Church.

URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

(for normal time, with God's help)

Caretakers: Our two amazing caretakers, Oliver & John, who do an immeasurable amount of work to keep everything working and in place, are out of action for the foreseeable future. If there are any able-bodied people out there who feel they can offer some time to help with the general running of the Church Premises, however little or much it is, would you please contact the Parish Office.

Cleaners: As many of you may know, our church is cleaned by a very small dedicated group of parishioners, who give up one hour a month of their time to keep it looking clean and beautiful. They are in urgent need of a boost, so please please do consider this seriously. The cleaning is normally done every Saturday from 8-9am, and will re-start once the church is open.

PROCEDURES during NORMAL TIMES

FOR APPOINTMENTS & enquiries, please contact the Parish Office **only during office hours** - see bottom of front page - unless it's an urgent matter. Any items for the **BULLETIN** need to be received by Tuesday at the very latest. Thank you.

WEDDINGS: Please make sure you give us at least 6 months' notice when applying to get married in a Catholic Church.

BAPTISMS: Usually these take place on the 1st Saturday of the month, but other dates can be agreed should there be the need. Please ring the Parish Office for enquiries.

REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION: If you know the date you would like a Mass Intention for, please request it as far ahead as possible, and we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If an urgent need for prayer arises, we will do our best to shift an existing Intention, with the agreement of the donor of course.

MASS INTENTIONS & SHRINE LAMP INTENTIONS: envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return via the Presbytery letter box or hand to one of the clergy.

WEBSITE: If your parish group's details need mentioning / updating on our website please email: newmaldenparishwebeditor@rcaos.org.uk.

BILLINGS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: for confidential time with our Parish's Natural Family Planning advisers, who are also involved in our Marriage Preparation Programmes, please ring Dymphna on 07775 163693 for an appointment.

SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL): Our Parish SVP can now be additionally contacted at: SVPNewMalden@gmail.com. Please get in touch if you or anyone you know needs practical or spiritual help, giving both your details and those of the person/s concerned.

CANDLES IN CHURCH: Please **NEVER** leave lighted candles in church - **these are a fire hazard!** You can light only Votive Candles provided at the Shrines & for Adoration.

PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED when in church. Please do not let them wander about unattended as it is disrespectful and possibly dangerous as there are always lighted candles in church.

From our Diocesan Safeguarding Office

Reporting abuse

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office by phoning 020 7261 1606 or email: safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk.