

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH, WARMINSTER



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Mass times for the week of 22nd March 2020

21st Saturday	Eve of Sunday	NO PUBLIC MASS
22nd Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)	People of the Parish
23rd Monday	Weekday of Lent	Jeanne Jones RIP
24th Tuesday	Weekday of Lent	Peter & Kathleen Warren RIP
25th Wednesday	Annunciation of the BVM	Beth & Peter Foley RIP
26th Thursday	Weekday of Lent	Geoffrey Fitton RIP (First Anniversary)
27th Friday	Weekday of Lent	Michael & Anthony Aris & Charlie Allen RIP
28th Saturday	Weekday of Lent	Anna Rozario RIP

Confessions: Saturday 10.05—10.30am & 5.15 - 5.45pm

Offertory 15th March £ 332.20 **Weekly Standing Order:** £292.61

Sick and Housebound: Please pray for: Lyndall Barbour, Lizzie Dickinson,, Pat Wilson, Charles & Dorothea Sultana de Maria, Joy Trant-McCarthy, James Orde, Jim & Gloria O'Hanlon, Françoise Moody, Graham & Christine Zebedee, Cuqui Chambers, Lorna Platt, Mac Ballard, Edna Bodman, Sylvester Rozario, Mary Lawson, Martin Abbott, Deacon David Wakefield, Corinne Kinzett & Philip Clark.

CORONAVIRUS

STATEMENT FROM BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time **we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. This will begin from Friday evening, 20th March 2020, until further notice.**

Our churches will remain open. They are not closing. They will be a focal point of prayer, where you will find solace and strength. In visiting our churches at this time, we will observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing.

However, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated; joining in spiritually in that celebration; watching the live-streaming of the Mass; following its prayers at home; making an act of spiritual communion: this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

We want everyone to understand that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, **the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed.** This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.

Year of Communion: In today's Gospel, Jesus gives sight to a man born blind. First, he can see physically and then with the eyes of faith. We too, through baptism, have been given the eyes of faith, but we can struggle to see what it is that God is asking of us. Through our sinfulness, we can find ourselves overwhelmed by darkness. Jesus longs to bring us out of this darkness. He wants to open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to the compassionate and merciful love he has for us. Lent gives us this special time and opportunity for facing our darkness and seeking once more the light which heals and forgives. Walking in the light of Christ, we walk in freedom and in hope.

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Daily Mass from St John's, Bath: at 10.00am daily and Rosary at 6.00pm. **on the parish website <https://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk/>**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: CANCELLED.