

MUSIC AT MASS

Music before and after Mass is by Johann Pachelbel, a close friend of J S Bach's father. Music at the start, and in the middle, is by Nicolas le Begue, organist of St Merri in Paris and organist to the King of France in the seventeenth century.

SMARTIE TUBES

If you have Smartie tubes filled with coins, please bring them in as soon as possible, by the end of July. The donations will be divided between Mary's Meals and the cost of some lighting improvements, mainly at the front of the church.

CONFIRMATION 2020

The Confirmation which was due to take place on Sunday 31 May has been re-arranged for Sunday 20 December, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Bishop Jonathan will celebrate a Festival Mass at 11.00 am. Fr Rayner will make arrangements for classes later in the year. If you would be interested in being Confirmed please speak with Fr Rayner.

WALSINGHAM 2021!

Those who were looking forward to our Pilgrimage to Walsingham have been disappointed that this year's residential pilgrimage has been cancelled. It may be possible to organise a day pilgrimage later in the year, though the Shrine is likely to have to put a limit on the number of pilgrims there at any given time. The dates for next year are 27 to 29 July.

NORTH CLERESTORY REPAIRS

It's a pity that the repair work could not be finished before we opened the church again. The windows should be put back beginning Monday 13 July and the scaffolding removed the following week. I'm afraid that will mean more cleaning to do.

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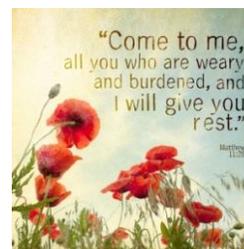
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Welcome to SAINT SILAS, PENTONVILLE in the Parish of St Silas with All Saints & St James

We are committed to
... bringing people in ... bringing people on
... witnessing to Jesus Christ

St Silas Vision 2020
We welcome everyone. We help them grow in faith.
We care for each other and those around us.



SUNDAY 5 JULY 2020

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

WELCOME HOME

These past few months have been the strangest of times. How marvellous it is to be back together for Mass, even with the 'new normal'. But for a while the Parish Mass is going to be different, especially as no congregational singing is allowed. In places where we would usually have hymns, Martin will play organ music and/or a cantor will sing.

ABSENT FRIENDS

Some of the congregation may still be shielding and will not be joining us for the moment. Others might feel rather hesitant about coming back. Fortunately, we have plenty of space to spread out. Do pray for those who are advised to stay at home for the time being.

JUNIOR CHURCH

As it's almost the end of the school term, it seems sensible to wait until September to re-start Junior Church. This will give us time to make sure that we run it safely. Please do pray for the leaders and the children.

WEEKDAY MASSES

For the time being weekday masses will be at the high altar, with seating in the sanctuary, unless the stone masons are working outside. At times it may be necessary to use the All Saints altar in the Community Hall.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Use sanitising gel on arriving at church and before leaving.

Maintain social distancing at 2 metres whenever possible, leaving some rows free, though households can sit together.

Wearing a face covering is not obligatory.

There will be no congregational singing, only the cantor will sing.

The peace will not be exchanged.

Collection baskets will be at the doors.

Communion will be given in one kind only, only the priest will receive from the chalice.

Queue in the central aisle only to receive communion and return to your seat via the side aisles.

Receive communion in the hand, with arms stretched forwards.

Leave via the fire exit whenever possible.

Take the news sheet and Bible readings sheet home with you.

No refreshments will be served after Mass. If you wish to chat after Mass, please stay in the church, observing social-distancing.

Avoid using the church lavatories if possible.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

We haven't gone to the extreme of taking chairs away or marking seats on which people can sit. Where possible, social distancing of 2 metres should be maintained. If necessary, the gallery can be used.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of all the London Boroughs, Islington has had the second lowest number of COVID-19 cases? A group of Catholics at St John, Duncan Terrace, have been asking Our Lady of Islington to protect the people of Islington. Thanks be to God that we have been affected less than some other parts of London.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The groups which use the Community Hall and/or the church are not yet permitted to use the building, which can only be used for acts of worship. We're not really sure why this is, as community centres can open as from this weekend.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK @ ST SILAS CHURCH & COMMUNITY HALL

Monday 6 July

St Maria Goretti

Pray for the NHS.

Tuesday 7 July

18:15 Rosary Prayers

18:30 Mass

Pray for those suffering with COVID-19.

Wednesday 8 July

Pray for those in nations with limited health care.

Thursday 9 July

12:00 Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

12:30 Mass

Mass today might be in the hall if the contractors are working on the stonework.

Pray for our government.

Friday 10 July

Pray for our local schools.

Saturday 11 July

**St Benedict
Co-Patron of Europe**

09:30 Holy Dusters (church cleaning)

12:00 Mass

Pray for Bishop Jonathan.

Sunday 12 July

**THE SOLEMNITY OF ST SILAS
PARISH PATRON**

11:00 PARISH MASS



Pray for the people of our parish.

BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK 	Monday 6 July	Hosea 2:16-18,21-22 / Matthew 9:18-26
	Tuesday 7 July	Hosea 8:4-7,11-13 / Matthew 9:32-38
	Wednesday 8 July	Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12 / Matthew 10:1-7
	Thursday 9 July	Hosea 11:1-4,8-9 / Matthew 10:7-15
	Friday 10 July	Hosea 14:2-10 / Matthew 10:16-23
	Saturday 11 July	Isaiah 6:1-8 / Matthew 10:24-33