

## DIARY DATES

Sunday 27 September Harvest Thanksgiving	11.00 am	Family Mass
Sunday 4 October	12.15 pm	Parish Annual Meeting
Sunday 11 October	4.00 pm	Baptism of Jessica and Asher
Tuesday 13 October	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Saturday 17 October	9.30 am	Sponsored Walk

### PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

Our Parish Annual Meeting will take place in church on Sunday 4 October at 12.15 pm. This meeting should have taken place in April but was postponed because of the lockdown. At the meeting we shall elect 2 Churchwardens, 1 Deanery Synod Representative and 9 members of the Parochial Church Council. Nomination forms are available at the back of church. Nominations for Churchwarden must be made in advance of the meeting, other nominations may be made at the meeting.

### GREAT NEWS!

The Ecclesiastical Music Trust has awarded the parish a grant of £700 towards the cost of 'special' music provision at Mass which we could otherwise not afford. In view of our current financial situation, this is excellent news. Thanks to Martin Black for his help in securing the grant. Even better is that the Trust hopes to give two further grants of at least £500 (and hopefully £700) in the two following years!

### AND MORE GREAT NEWS ...

From the week beginning Monday 21 September, *Help on Your Doorstep* will be re-starting two weekly social gatherings in our Community Hall (as the Hugh Cubitt Centre is closed until March 2021). The gatherings will be on Mondays (10.30 am to 12.30 pm) and Thursdays (10.15 am to 11.45 pm). The number of people attending will be limited, in line with government requirements. These bookings will also help our finances.

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR SAINT SILAS CHURCH

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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



**SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE** is on the Mass card. The Bible readings are on the separate white sheet.

**TODAY WE WELCOME FATHER ALEX MCGREGOR** as our Celebrant & Preacher at the Parish Mass. Fr Alex usually helps out at Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell, but kindly agreed to be with us today. Thank you Fr Alex!

**THE LATEST CHANGES IN THE LAW REGARDING GATHERING TOGETHER** do not apply to places of worship, so our usual pattern of worship will continue, in a COVID-safe way.

### JUNIOR CHURCH

In view of the very low numbers of younger children in church at the moment, and bearing in mind the potential constraints of COVID-19 precautions, the team has decided that Junior Church is 'on hold' for the moment. We will continue to provide activity sheets at the door.

### NOT JUST FOR SUNDAYS

Since public worship resumed a couple of months ago, attendance at the weekday Masses has been disappointing. Some of the 'regulars' are being cautious about going out. Please do consider coming to a Mass during the week, especially if you live quite locally. The Mass is not just for Sundays.

### MUSIC AT MASS

I don't think any of us went on holiday to Italy or France this summer, but today's organ music takes us there! The pieces before Mass are by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, who was music director of St Peter's, Rome, 1551-55 and 1571-94, and by Andrea Gabrieli, organist of Saint Mark's, Venice, from 1566 for twenty years until his death. The piece after Mass is by Gioseffo Guami, who was organist of St Mark's, Venice from 1588 to 1591. The entry procession is to music by Nicolas le Begue, who was organist of St Merri in Paris and organist to the King of France in the seventeenth century, and the Offertory has music by Gaspard Corrette, who was organist somewhere else in Paris in the early eighteenth century.

*Martin*

## COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

You are asked to sign in as you arrive. This is in case you need to be contacted for test and trace.

Use sanitising gel, or wash your hands, on arriving at church and before leaving.

Maintain social distancing at 2 metres whenever possible, leaving some rows free, though households can sit together. There should be at least two chairs between you and the next person.

Wearing a face covering is mandatory, unless you are exempted. Those reading the Scriptures or leading prayers at Mass do not need to be wearing a face covering.

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.

## HARVEST CELEBRATION

Our Harvest Celebration will be on Sunday 27 September. At our 11.00 am Family Mass we'll be collecting items for the Copenhagen Street Foodbank and cash donations for WaterAid. **Following new government guidance the planned picnic in the park after Mass cannot now take place.**

## SPONSORED WALK

We are planning a fund-raising Sponsored Walk on Saturday 17 October, starting at Stratford and walking back to St Silas, via Victoria Park and the canal. We'll finish with chicken & chips in the Community Hall. The walk should take about one and a half hours. We have lost **THOUSANDS** of pounds due to the pandemic and we hope this walk will raise a worthwhile amount of money. On the day Mass will be said at 9.00 am. At 9.30 am we'll travel by public transport to Stratford. If you could join the walk please add your name to the list at the back of church.

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

### Monday 14 September

#### **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

*Pray for the Society of the Holy Cross.*

### Tuesday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

**18:15 Rosary Prayers**

**18:30 Mass**

*Pray for the Community of St Mary at the Cross, Edgware Abbey.*

### Wednesday 16 September

SS Cornelius & Cyprian

*Pray for struggling local businesses.*

### Thursday 17 September

**12:00 Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament**

**12:30 Mass**

*Pray for the NHS.*

### Friday 18 September

*Pray for London's rough sleepers.*

### Saturday 19 September

St Theodore of Canterbury

09:30 Holy Dusters (church cleaning)

**12:00 Mass**

*Pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury.*


### Sunday 20 September

## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

**11:00  
PARISH MASS**



*Pray for the people of our parish.*

<b>BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK</b> 	Monday 14 September	Numbers 21:4-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17
	Tuesday 15 September	1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31 Luke 7:11-17
	Wednesday 16 September	1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 / Luke 7:31-35
	Thursday 17 September	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Luke 7:36-50
	Friday 18 September	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Luke 8:1-3
	Saturday 19 September	1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49 / Luke 8:4-15