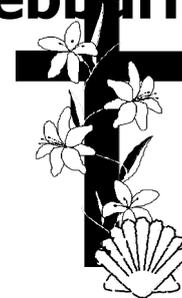


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25th July to 2nd August 2020

Saturday 25 th St James, Apostle	
Sunday 26 th 17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST ALOYSIUS CHURCH 10am – 12 noon Open for Private Prayer
Monday 27 th Weekday	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thought for the 17th Sunday of Year A</u></p> <p>A rich man wanted to take his wealth with him when he died, so he started negotiations with God about the matter. Finally, after long talks God reluctantly agreed to allow him to bring his wealth to heaven. Just a few days before he died the rich man converted all his money into gold bars. He died and the funeral home made sure that the suitcases containing the gold went with him. He arrived at the Pearly Gates with his suitcases. Peter told him he couldn't bring the suitcases into heaven but the man said he had already spoken to God and God had said it was OK. Peter got on the phone to God and sure enough it was true. Peter was curious as to what was so valuable that the man wanted to bring it into heaven, so he asked, "Could I look in the suitcases?" The man opened the suitcases and Peter exclaimed, "You brought paving stones to heaven!" because everyone knows – the streets of heaven are paved with Gold.</p> <p>In today's Gospel we hear of treasure found in a field, the treasure is buried again and the man sells all he owns to buy that field and have the treasure for himself. So often it is what we take for granted which are the most valuable things in our lives. Our faith, our families and love don't give us big bank balances, but there are some things which are more important than wealth. During this time of lockdown, I'm sure we have all realised what it is we have missed most of all. The living out of our faith with our friends in our parish, the company of our families and the love we share with the people that mean most to us. It's tempting to get back to living our lives in the same way we did before, but let's learn with God's grace from this experience that the treasure which really matters, which makes us feel good about life and puts a smile on our faces is our faith, our families and love. Let us value this wealth we have for so often taken for granted and make sure that it comes before all else in our lives.</p>
Tuesday 28 th Weekday	
Wednesday 29 th St Martha Mass – St Aloysius – 7.00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harry Mole (Anniversary) • John Kenny (Anniversary) 	
Thursday 30 th Weekday	
Friday 31 st St Ignatius of Loyola	
Saturday 1 st August St Alphonsus Ligouri <i>(You must ring 07784053463 to book a place at Mass)</i> Mass – St Aloysius – 6.00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doreen Findlay (Birthday) • The O'Brien family 	
Sunday 2 nd 18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <i>(You must ring 07784053463 to book a place at Mass)</i> Mass – St Aloysius – 11.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret Ford (Anniversary) • William White RIP 	

Please pray for all our sick especially: Michael Abbott, Ken Bartley, Teresa Brady, Agnes Campbell, Marion Coyne, Liam Hackett, Dave Hallway, Pat Henderson, Mark Joseph Hepburn, Vera Logan, Jean Lynch, John McCabe, Alan McKee, Mary McKee, Maureen McVay, James Mole, Mary Moore, Fred Patterson, Catherine Pilkington, Sick person MF.

May they rest in peace:

Anniversaries: Carol Bedlington, Marian Carey, Margaret Ford, Anne Gilhooley, Elizabeth Hobbs, John Kenny, Mary Kirkup, Agnes Mackin, Elizabeth McLernon, Sarah Mills, Kathleen Newton, Therese Purcell, Thomas Riley, Charles Urwin, Henry Whittle, James Woodhouse.

THE RETURN OF MASSES We will open for Mass at St Aloysius on:

- ***Wednesday at 7pm.***
- ***Saturday at 6pm.***
- ***Sunday at 11am.***

- Some rules we need to follow when coming to mass after lockdown.
- Please don't come if you have a temperature or the other symptoms of coronavirus.
- You must use the hand sanitiser when you enter church and as you leave.
- Please follow the one-way system, up the side aisles and down the centre aisle.
- When Fr Simon is receiving Holy Communion he will say loudly **The Body of Christ** we will say together **Amen**. So that when we receive communion we will say nothing.
- Once we have received communion we must leave church.
- If you want to talk to someone you must do it in the car park, keeping social distances.
- If there are any questions please see Fr Simon.

As we expect larger numbers at the weekend you will have to wear a mask and you will have to ring this phone number **07784053463** to leave your name and phone number and to book a place. (we are only allowed 100 places at these weekend masses). I don't think we will have large numbers at the Wednesday mass so you don't need to book a place and don't need to wear a mask even though this is recommended. Sadly St James Church will not be opening at the moment, but hopefully soon. If you have any questions please contact Fr Simon. Those who are still in isolation or would rather not risk coming to Church just yet, the Bishops of England and Wales have continued to release us from the Sunday Obligation as they did at the beginning of the lockdown.

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Lord, grant me the gift of a generous heart that embraces each person I see.
A heart reaching out in true kindness and caring to share all the best that's in me.

Lord, grant me the gift of a bright happy spirit that joyfully faces each day.
A spirit that's loving and gently shines through in my actions and each word I say.

Lord, grant me the gift of a wonderful life that fulfills what I'm sent here to do.
A life that is lived in the richness and beauty of serving and following you.