

The Parish of S Michael and All Angels. Abbey Wood.  
SUNDAY 5 July 2020

## The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

We are now allowed to offer public worship again and the Sunday Mass has resumed. It may be some weeks however before everyone can be with us on a Sunday and so we are sending this sheet out to keep us all in touch. . Even if you cannot be with us you will be in our prayers.. Please pass sheets or information on to those for whom we don't have an email address.



**COME TOGETHER THIS  
SUNDAY.  
PARISH MASS  
10:00**

### TIMES OF PRAYER.

*This week our church will be open for prayer on*

**Wednesday 09:30-10:30**

*Please come and pray and be with God.*

## OUR MASSES THIS WEEK

<u>Mon 6</u>	<u>Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr</u> Mass 18:00
<u>Tue 7</u>	<u>The Translation of S. Thomas of Canterbury</u> Mass SP
<u>Wed 8</u>	<u>Wednesday of week 14 in Ordinary Time</u> Mass 09:00
<u>Thu 9</u>	<u>Thursday of week 14 in Ordinary Time</u> Mass Sp
<u>Fri 10</u>	<u>Friday of week 14 in Ordinary Time</u>
<u>Sat 11</u>	<u>Saint Benedict, Abbot</u> Mass SP
<u>Sun 12</u>	<u>External Solemnity of S Thomas of Canterbury</u> <u>Parish Mass 10:00</u>

## OUR PARISH LIFE

### *Coming together again.*

**MASS THIS WEEK.** This Sunday for the first time for many months we can gather together to celebrate the Mass. There will be a Parish Mass at 10am. This week there will be public masses at 18:00 on Monday Evening and at 09:00 on Wednesday Morning. Mass on other days will continue to be said without a congregation for a short while.

**WHAT WILL OUR WORSHIP BE LIKE ?** Things will be different this Sunday. The Church is be laid out to allow Social Distancing and we may have to do a lot of things in a different way. we will be unable to sing but we have music from the organ. We will not initially be able to have any Refreshments etc after mass and there won't be a Kids Zone for a while – but we will think of other ways of welcoming children. Come along and join the fun!

### **WHO CAN COME TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY?.**

You **must not come** to church, if you have symptoms of Covid 19 or have tested positive or you have been in contact with someone who has or may have the Virus. You also should not come if you are quarantining.

We would **strongly encourage you not to come** at the moment if you are vulnerable or have been told to shield or isolate, unless a medical professional has said that it would be ok and that also you feel happy at being in a public place. If you have any questions or uncertainty, please have a chat with Fr David. Please only come back to church when you feel happy to do so. We miss you, but we want you to be safe.

**WILL SERVICES BE SAFE?** Before have been able to open we have had to carry out a number of detailed Risk Inspections and act on their findings, we also have to fully comply with all the government regulations. The government, the Church of England and the Diocese have issued comprehensive guidance and we have done our best to apply this to the

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context of S. Michaels. Obviously, we will continue to monitor everything and will change what we do etc in the light of experience and a changing situation. You all have a part to play however, by being responsible and maintain good hygiene and distancing practices.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE?** This Sunday is our first back and so is something of an unknown with numbers. Our church can however still accommodate a fairly large number safely. Obviously if we feel that the numbers present are too large to distance safely, we will have to stop people coming in, if this happens Fr David will either say another mass or administer Holy Communion to those unable come in. We do not however envisage that this is likely to be necessary this week.

If it proves necessary, we will arrange for there to be some additional masses on Sundays.

**LECTORS.** Over the next Sundays at Mass, we will need some help – Could you be a reader at Sunday Mass? You will have to read the First Reading, the Psalm with its response and the Second Reading. Then later in the mass you will read the biddings in the Intercessions. We will email all readings and the biddings to you on a sheet before the mass. We are doing this differently for a while to help with things such as distancing and because it may be a while before everyone is back at mass on a Sunday. Can you help us? Please tell Fr David as soon as possible.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS.** We know that is a time of financial hardship for many. But regular giving is be vital if we are to survive as a Parish. We cannot have normal collections at this time, but a plate will be by the church door before mass. A far better way is to donate by Internet banking. The details are Sort Code **30-99-88**, Account No **00160771**, Account Name is **PCC Saint Michael and All Angels Abbey Wood**. In the reference section please put your name followed by; 'Offering'.

**PCC** we will try to meet in 'committee mode' after mass this Sunday to think how we are going to proceed. It is probably best that we meet in the nave of the church so we can be suitably distanced.

**SACRISTY HELP.** We may be lacking some of our normal helpers for a while. But we need somebody to wash the sacred vessels after each mass on a Sunday morning.

We also need someone to wash purificators etc and to iron them.

**CONFIRMATION.** We will shortly somehow begin preparing candidates for Confirmation. If you would like to be confirmed please contact Fr David.

**HELP OUR KIDS.** Once we are able to have our Parish Mass again, it looks like we will be unable to operate out kid zone for a while. However, we will still want our kids to feel welcome and involved. We have considered this in our assessment and planning and we hope to give each kid a pack each week with sheets and activities in. For this to happen however we would need someone to take charge of assembling them and dealing with them at the end of mass. Could you make this possible by helping? Have a word with Fr David.

If you could in the production of some of the material (colouring sheets, stories, teaching material etc), then please also have a chat with Fr David.

**OUR COMMUNITY.** Our Social Club opened yesterday, but it open strictly for members only and has put stringent practices in place.

The Abbey arms open this Wednesday – but you must at the moment pre book a table.

Fr D has seen light in Greggs – he has hopes that he will be fed again this week.

**S THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.** Next Tuesday is a feast of S. Thomas of Canterbury and we had long planned to mark it this year. St Thomas is the ancient patron of Abbey Wood. Next Sunday therefore we will keep the external solemnity of his feast. This long planned event has taken on a new significance as the recent months have focused our thought on the holiness of place.

*We are at a point in history when the nation is crying out for the ministry of the Church. But are we ready?*

*Churches that have gone to sleep will stay asleep. Those that have risen to the task will be ready for service and proclamation.* *The Bishop of Burnley*

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