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*** Parish of S Michael and All Angels. Abbey Wood.
SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020**

The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

We are now allowed to offer public worship again and the Sunday Mass has resumed. It may be many 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
ON SUNDAY.
PARISH MASS
is at
10:00**

OUR PARISH LIFE

Coming together again.

WELCOME. We welcome you back to S Michaels this Sunday especially if you have been isolating or shelding and it is your first Sunday back.

OUR MASSES AND WORSHIP THIS WEEK

<u>Mon 10</u>	<u>SAINT LAURENCE, DEACON, MARTYR Feast</u>	Mass 18:00
<u>Tue 11</u>	<u>Saint Clare, Virgin</u>	Mass Sine populo
<u>Wed 12</u>	<u>Wednesday of week 19 in Ordinary Time</u>	Mass 09:00
<u>Thu 13</u>	<u>Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</u>	
<u>Fri 14</u>	<u>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</u>	Mass Sine populo
<u>Sat 15</u>	<u>Saturday of week 19 in Ordinary Time</u>	Mass Sine populo
<u>Sun 16</u>	<u>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity</u>	Mass 08:30 PARISH MASS 10:00

We welcome also the family of Annette Thomas, to morrow is the first anniversary of her death. We will of course be praying for Anette in our Mass today.

This afternoon we welcome the Baptiste Family as with great joy we welcome little Zac into the Church in Holy Baptism.

FACE COVERINGS. We have for several weeks encouraged everyone to wear a face covering when in church. The government have now made it a **legal requirement for people attending Religious Worship to wear a Face Covering.** The Police have the power and responsibility to enforce this.

There is some uncertainty as implications of this for those leading worship – obviously to have to do so through a Mass will present a number of difficulties. At the time we need to prepare for services and produce our booklets this week, neither the Government nor the Church of England guidance had been fully updated. The Diocese stated last week that would not offer advice or support. We have done our best to interpret the regulations and plan our worship accordingly. We hope that it will not disturb our worship too much.

It is possible that guidance or advice will be issued after later in the week and after this sheet has been finalised, this could mean that we have to worship in a way that is very different to what we are used to,

MASSES TODAY. This Sunday we have an early mass at 08:30 as well as our usual mass at 10:00. We are having two masses this week because we expect quite a few people this Sunday and we obviously have a limited capacity than normal due to Social Distancing. We will try to do this if we expect large numbers.

The 08:30 mass will be said at the High Altar, please sit in the Nave, as we do currently at wee

BUILDERS. The builders are rebuilding our church please be very careful around the scaffolding and when they are at work. Please follow any safety advice or instructions, This will be especially the case if you come to church in the week.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE We are sorry that this is in a very neglected state at the moment. We have received several complaints regarding it, The PCC are aware and have discussed it.

EVERYONES SAFETY We have laid out our Church to allow Social Distancing and we have to do a lot of things in a different way. At the moment we are not allowed to sing to sing but our mass is accompanied on the organ. We cant have any Refreshments etc after mass and there won't be a Kids Zone for a while – but have made other provisions to make children feel welcome.

You are must wear a face covering when in church.

PLEASE DONT COME TO CHURCH .

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.

If you are in any doubt or have any questions please contact Fr David.

The current Government advice on people from more than one household meeting, can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>.

LECTORS. We have been asking for a few weeks if people would like to 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 The readings and prayers will be sent to you. **We do need people to do this.**

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.

CONFIRMATION. As Parish life resumes, we hope shortly to begin preparing candidates for

Confirmation. If you would like to be confirmed please contact Fr David to have a chat about what is involved. The confirmation will be in S Michaels in Oct

WEEKLY OFFERINGS. We know that this will be a time of financial hardship for many, but regular giving is vital if we are to survive as a Parish. As in most shops we discourage giving in cash, but a plate will be by the church door if you cannot give in other ways. If you would like to give 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'. Thank you for your support.

We can't currently accept cards, but we hope to be able to do this in the near future.

FR DAVID has a very tight timescale again today with two masses and a baptism, so he may not be around for long after each service as he will have go to prepare the next one.

WHEN WILL OUR HALL OPEN ? We hope that some of our users will begin to return this week

We will not be opening the hall for casual lets for the foreseeable future as we cannot do so safely in the current and do not have the resources to responsibly manage these in the current situation.

CHURCH LOCKING DOWN AGAIN. We hope we wont have to do so again, but if we do please email Fr David this Week at dasherratt@aol.com, to make sure that we have your email address.. You will then receive the notice sheet each week and if we have to lock down we can stay in touch,

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EAST OR WEST.

There are two traditions in the Church with how the priest stands at the altar at Mass.

In the very early church, he stood, behind the Altar and faced the people.

This remained the custom in the Eastern Churches, although the altar came to be hidden behind the Iconostasis. With the Liturgical Revival it was rediscovered became the normal practice in the modern Church.

The other tradition which is also very old and which in the West became for the many centuries the norm was for the priest to stand in front of the altar facing east.

Both traditions ae correct and both have different things to offer.

When the priest faces the people, it reminds us of how we gather as a Community around the altar and that it is a meal. It brings us a sense of the imminence of God, who in Christ stands amongst us.

When the priest faces east, all of us face the same direction and it reminds us of our unity in faith. We face east to the point of resurrection. Perhaps it also gives us a greater sense of the otherness and transcendence of God.