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30th January 2022: 4th Sunday of the Year
Sunday: Year C Weekdays: Year 2, Week 4

Fr. Tony Writes:

We have had new guidance from the Bishops' Conference on COVID precautions in church.

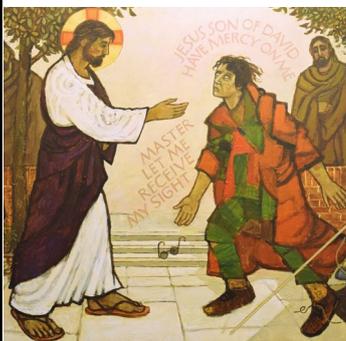
- Face coverings are not legally required, but continue to be recommended, especially when there are larger gatherings or if we are singing. I would ask people to continue wearing face coverings at weekend Masses.
- The sign of peace will return. Actually we have been making a sign of peace (by bowing to each other). You may wish to continue to offer the sign of peace in that way when it is announced. Most East Asian countries offer the sign of peace in that way anyway!
- Holy water will return in church.
- We will continue to provide hand sanitiser, and recommend its use on entering or leaving the church.
- We will continue to provide sheets that people can place on the bench next to them to ask others not to sit too close.

The overall message is: let us restore our liturgy to pre-pandemic practice, while still remaining careful and vigilant.

Ultimately, as St Paul reminds us in today's second reading, all that we do should be motivated by love. If our primary concern is the good of our neighbour, then we will do what we can to keep them safe, and also respect the caution of others, especially those who are, or feel, vulnerable.

For more details on the new guidance see:
www.abdiocese.org.uk/news

The Bartimaeus Project



I am involved, with some others in the diocese, in putting together a formation programme on our Catholic Faith. We have called it "The Bartimaeus Project" because of Bartimaeus' request of Jesus "Lord let me see". He is, of course,

asking for physical sight, but in the Gospel that is also a metaphor for understanding.

The first series of sessions will be in March, beginning on Tuesday 1st March (shrove Tuesday) at 7:30pm. The first session is entitled:

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'
God's Revelation

Further sessions in the month will deepen our understanding of Revelation—how God speaks to us—and the Bible. Each session will be led by a speaker in their parish hall or church, and streamed to other participating parishes, where there will be a chance to discuss the talk afterwards. People will also be able to participate from home via zoom. More information can be found at:

bartimaeus-project.org



Lenten Reflection
 For Young Adults (18-35)

Sat 12th March
10am-4pm

House of Prayer
East Molesey

Facilitated by the House of Prayer team, this day will provide a time of quiet reflection during this season of renewal. Based on **Ignatian spirituality**, we will explore prayer and scripture in a new and profound way.

Please pray for

All who are sick in the parish, especially Pietro Addis and Jean Ryan. Also those who have died recently, especially Nathalie Soffe; those who have been recently bereaved and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Tea & Chat

Will recommence at St George's, after mass, from Tuesday 8th February and every second and fourth Tuesday of the month thereafter.



Celebrating Marriage



The 5:30pm Mass on Saturday 12th February will be a celebration of Marriage. We invite any married couple in our parishes who has celebrated a 'significant' anniversary in the past year, or who will do so in the coming year, to let the parish office know, so that we can give thanks and pray for you at that Mass. There will be refreshments after the Mass, including something fizzy....

Volunteer for CAFOD



A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience, and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as: **In the parish** - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty. **In local schools** - where you will deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. **Coordinating volunteers** to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers. If you would like to know more, contact: Jenny: Mobile: 07710094448 arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 29th Jan	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Patricia Weatherseed RIP
Sunday 30th Jan 4th Sunday of the year	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All parishioners Abina O'Brien RIP
Monday 31st January <i>St John Bosco</i>	1pm, St George's	Funeral of Aimee Roberts
Tuesday 1st Feb	No Mass	
Wednesday 2nd Feb Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	6:30pm Adoration 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>With words and music on the theme of light</i> Veronica Lloyd ints
Thursday 3rd Feb <i>St Blasé & St Ansgar</i>	10am Mass, St George's	Bernard & Mollie Nevins ints
Friday 4th Feb	10am Mass, St Theresa's	Holy Souls
Saturday 5th Feb <i>St Agatha</i>	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 6th Feb 5th Sunday of the year	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	George Shannon RIP All Parishioners

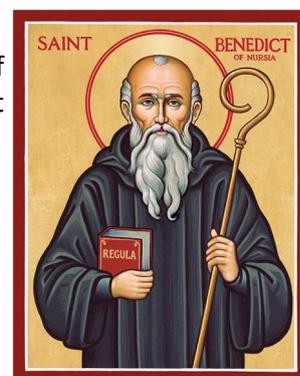
THE WISDOM OF ST BENEDICT: 15th-17th February

Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB

Fr Martin will explore the riches of St Benedict's Rule, a guide to living out the Christian life in all its fullness.

The following topics will be covered:

- **Stability** – Becoming rooted in Christ;
- **Humility** – Learning how to become oneself;
- **Lectio Divina** – Finding nourishment in God's Word;
- **Christian leadership** – Serving Christ in others.



Opportunities for meeting with a monk are also available.

COST: £220 per person, single occupancy; £210 per person, sharing. Places are limited, so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Please contact us for further information.

Website: worth.co.uk/retreats

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Diocesan Directory 2022

These are now available to buy from the Parish Office for £5 each.