



THE PARISH OF LETCHWORTH
Living God's Love in the Garden City

ST MICHAEL'S & ST MARY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Please inform the Church Wardens about your intention to attend worship as the numbers are strictly limited by social distancing.

The 10.30 Sunday Eucharist will be live streamed on our Facebook Page in order to allow those who are not able to attend to make their spiritual communion at home.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS IN THE PARISH

(all services marked with * are livestreamed via our Facebook Page)

2	Sun	THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
		8.15	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S	
		9.00	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S	
		10.30	PARISH MASS* - PARISH HALL	
5	Wed	<i>Feria</i>		
		9.30	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S	
		18.00	ZOOM CAFÉ	
8	Sat	<i>S. Dominic</i>		
		10.00	ZOOM PRAYER GROUP	
9	Sun	THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
		10.00	EUCCHARIST LIVE FORM ST ALBANS ABBEY https://www.youtube.com/user/stalbanscathedral	
		10.30	SERVICE OF THE WORD - PARISH HALL	
12	Wed	<i>Feria</i>		
		9.00	MORNING PRAYER - ST MARY'S	
		9.30	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S	
		18.00	ZOOM CAFÉ	
14	Fr	<i>S Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, 1941</i>		
		12.00	MASS - PARISH HALL	
15	Sat	<i>Our Lady</i>		
		10.00	ZOOM PRAYER GROUP	
16	Sun	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
		8.15	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S	
		9.00	HOLY COMMUNION - ST MARY'S	
		10.30	PARISH MASS* - PARISH HALL	

TEXTS OF THE WEEK

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Introit (Ps. 70.2,6)

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9,15-22; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

**R: You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and satisfy the needs of every creature.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

Prayer over the Gifts

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon (John 6.35)

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger,
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

Post-Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

I Kings 19.9-18; Ps 85.8-14; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

*Please take this leaflet home with you and use it to keep up to date
with what's on in the Parish and to reflect on the readings during the week.*

WAYS TO WORSHIP AT HOME

SUNDAYS via TV, Radio and Internet

- **Sunday Worship** - 8.10 am on BBC Radio 4
- **Songs of Praise** - 1.15 pm on BBC 1
- **CofE National service** - 9am on YouTube. For access follow the link below:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

FREE PRAYER APPS for your phone and tablet:

Daily Prayer App (Morning, Evening & Night Prayer), **Time to Pray** (Midday & Night Prayer), **Pray as you go** (reflective prayer for each day).

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Of your charity, please pray for:

- ¶ Our churches of St Michael the Archangel and St Mary the Virgin during this period of discernment of the future of our Parish.
- ¶ Justin, our Archbishop, Alan, Michael, and Richard, our bishops; our sister Churches and ecumenical partners.
- ¶ The Queen, The Royal Family, HM Government, and all leaders of the nations.
- ¶ Peace of the world.
- ¶ For our children and young people.
- ¶ All who have been affected by the Coronavirus here and throughout the world.
- ¶ All shielding and in self-isolation, the anxious, the lonely, and the bereaved.
- ¶ **In our local community:** Manor Way, Marmet Avenue, Martin Way, Meadow Way, The Meads, Nevells Road, Norton Way South, Openshaw Way, Paddock Close, Parker Close, Pasture Road, Pixmore Way, The Quadrant.
- ¶ **Birthdays:** (4) Robert Baker, (8) Adam Moore, (11) Doug Penwright, (14) Helen Ogilvie.
- ¶ **The Sick:** Carlos Holloway, Ruth Croft, Fr Reginald Rolph, Nick Goddard, Keith Goddard, Joan Pain, Hayley Cutmore, Katie Khan, Jessica Horner, John Howard, Elizabeth Stevens.
- ¶ **Years Mind:** (2) Aziz Elkady, Patricia Mary Firman, (3) Arthur Dodman, Margaret Beer, (4) Margaret Giffin, Jenny Gilbert, (6) William Squirrell, John Gould, (7) Kenneth Bishop, Doris Charlwood, (8) Charles Balaam, (9) James Frederick Sumner, (10) Margaret Shakespear, Harry George Boulton, Harold Williamson, John Day, William Goodwin, William Allen, (13) Douglas Beese (15) John Stevenson, Fr Raymond Robinson (priest).
✕ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace; and rise in glory.

‘God of peace, by your Holy Spirit you enable us to cross the deserts of the heart and, by your forgiveness, you scatter our faults like the morning mist.’

Br Roger of Taizé

NOTICES

Our churches are now open for public worship. Please be aware that **strict social distancing measures have been put in place (2 m apart)** and for now there is no going back to worship as we knew it before the lockdown. We will all need to adjust to a new way of celebrating the Eucharist together.

For each service at **St Mary's we will have 7 spaces (increased to 10 if 3 couples are present), and at St Michaels' (Parish Hall) there will be 14.**

Because of this we need to ask you to **reserve a place by midday on Saturday** if you plan to attend so that we have an idea of numbers. **Please contact Church Wardens to book a seat.** All services will be short and there will be no singing. Chairs will be changed and public areas cleaned between services. **Because St Mary's is such a tiny building there will be two services in order to enable more people to attend: at 8.15am and 9am.**

Fr Robert will be on leave from the afternoon of the 2nd to 11th August. Please direct all pastoral inquires to Jackie (☎01462 484914), and for all other matters contact our Church Wardens, Barbara and Marlene. We are grateful to Fr Paul Lanham for covering the Wednesday Mass at St Mary's.

Please note that **the parish consultation period runs to the end of August.** **Submissions** about the proposals are requested during the remainder of July and August from anyone who wants to offer them. Your submission should be sent to Fr Robert and/or Bishop Michael.

Thank you to all who made very generous and sizable donations to make the parish going. When you issue a cheque please make it out to **'Letchworth Parochial Church Council'** and post it to the Rectory, 39 South View, SG6 3JJ. To find out more email our Parish Treasurer, Caroline Hardy ✉carolinehardy@ntlworld.com.

If you are self-isolating and need **help with shopping or prescription runs** please get in touch with **Vicki Gage** who is coordinating this for us: ☎07748303627 ✉vgage@hotmail.co.uk. **If you would be willing and able to help,** contact Vicki and Fr Robert.

Letchworth Foodbank shopping list: shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet rolls, size 5 & 6 nappies, sponge pudding, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard. Donations can be dropped off at the collection boxes/trolleys in the following supermarkets at Morrison's and Sainsbury's Local.

Parish Office remains closed until further notice.

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