

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, LANGLEY NEWSLETTER

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) 19th/20th September 2020

Dear Friends,

Our Confirmation Masses last weekend were beautiful, prayerful occasions and we warmly congratulate our 31 young people who were Confirmed by Bishop David. We look forward to them taking a full part in our parish life. This weekend we have two first Holy Communion Masses (and another one next weekend). Everything is prepared and even in these different circumstances we know that they will be exciting, proud occasions for the families involved.



Many thanks for the ways you continue to support the parish financially over these months. It is much appreciated. This is what you have done:

- ❖ collected your envelopes and handed them in each week
- ❖ changed from contributing by cash or envelopes to a standing order
- ❖ since coming back to Mass you have “made up” for the weeks you were not here by giving a large contribution

THIS IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK 19th -27th September 2020

SATURDAY	Mass at 5pm (about 80 people attended this Mass last week)
SUNDAY	Webinar Service at 10am (135 families) and Mass at 5pm (only 50 people attended)
MONDAY	No public Mass today because of a funeral
TUESDAY	Novena Service at 11am
WEDNESDAY	Mass at 11am
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer and Service of Word and Communion at 11am
FRIDAY	Mass at 11am
SATURDAY	Mass at 5pm
SUNDAY	Webinar Service at 10am and Mass at 5pm

Please note that there is no obligation to attend Mass at present. Those parishioners who are over seventy or who are worried about their health should carefully consider whether they should attend

BISHOP DAVID INVITES: On 5th August Pope Francis called on the Church to reflect on our current situation. In response, the diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office is hosting a series of online webinars on Monday evenings through the autumn. We begin on 21st September with Bishop David reflecting on the last six months, and posing some key questions as we go forward. Other topics include reaching out to the needy, building community, prayer and spirituality, and catechesis. The webinars are free to attend, but you will need to register to receive the web link. For more information and to register, please go to <https://postlockdownchurch.eventbrite.co.uk>.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:

Fr. Kevin writes: If you are applying for your child to have a place in **HOLY FAMILY NURSERY** or **ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** or **ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL** in September 2021 you will need me to sign a "**Certificate of Catholic Practice**". You can get a copy of this form with the application pack. You do not need me to sign a form if you are applying for a place in reception at Holy Family School.



When I sign the Certificate I am verifying that the family concerned attend Mass regularly and I am called upon to be as honest as I possibly can be (places at some of our schools are very much sought after and I and the other six priests in the Pastoral Area who will be signing these forms are very conscious that we must do justice by those families who attend Mass each week).

Lockdown, when our churches were closed down, has made this process even more challenging for me. And at present there is no obligation for Catholics to attend Mass. And so I am proposing that we make the following arrangements:

- ❖ Please come with your form (i.e. the Certificate of Catholic Practice) to the narthex of Holy Family church on any Tuesday evening in October (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) at any time between 6pm and 8pm (you do not need an appointment).
- ❖ Because of circumstances over the last 6 months and to help me I ask you to also bring a short letter telling me how long you have been in the parish, which Mass you attended regularly before lockdown, if you belonged to any groups in the parish (ministries, church cleaning, Jerome Group etc.), if your child is an altar server and so on.
- ❖ I will collect the Certificate from you and return it myself to the school involved. You deliver to the school the main application form and the baptismal certificate. The letter you give me I will keep safely and shred once the application process is completed.

I find this process very demanding and I will be as honest and just as I possibly can be.

SLOUGH FOODBANK: You can bring your donations to the Presbytery or to the church at any time

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