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Deacon Shaun's Bulletin

Good morning,

I trust you are well.

Today we keep the memorial of **St. Barnabas, Apostle.**

From <https://universalis.com/europe.England.eastanglia/20200611/today.htm>

Saint Barnabas was born in Cyprus. He was one of the early converts in Jerusalem and vouched for St Paul when he appeared before the elders there. He accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey and later went to Cyprus with his cousin John Mark (Mark the evangelist) to preach the gospel there. He was probably martyred at Salamis in Cyprus, some time before the year 61.

Further information on St. Barnabas can be found in the attachment along with the Mass readings for the Memorial and for Thursday week 10 of Ordinary Time.

<http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk/>

A reminder about the live stream of Mass at **7pm** this evening for Masses for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/masses-for-the-sick-and-their-families-nhs-front-line-workers-and-those-working-in-social-care/>

The Mass this evening will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney.

The live stream will be from St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham.

The YouTube link for the Mass this evening is:

<https://youtu.be/rW24MsQnc28>

Some information on Bishop Patrick McKinney for you:

Taken from <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/bishop>

Patrick Joseph McKinney was born in Birmingham on 30th April 1954, the eldest son of Patrick and Bridget McKinney, originally from Ireland; his family moved to Buncrana, in Co. Donegal, Ireland, when he was still very young, before returning eventually to Birmingham.

Bishop Patrick began his studies for the priesthood at in St Mary's College, Oscott, the Archdiocese of Birmingham's seminary for the training of priests, in 1972, and was ordained to the priesthood on 29th July 1978 in St Mary's Church, Buncrana, where his family lives.

After his Ordination, he was appointed assistant priest in the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood, Birmingham, and chaplain to St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, Kings Norton, Birmingham. Between 1982 and 1984, he was a student at the Pontifical Gregorian University, where he gained a Licence in Sacred Theology.

Returning from Rome to the Archdiocese of Birmingham, he taught fundamental theology at St Mary's College until 1989, when he was appointed Rector of St Mary's College, a post he held for nine years, during which period he was also a lecturer in ecclesiology, the theology of the Church. He was made a Prelate of Honour in 1990 and a member of the Metropolitan Chapter of St Chad in 1992.

Mgr McKinney left Oscott in 1998, becoming parish priest of St John, Great Haywood, and Episcopal Vicar for the north of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He left the parish in 2001, remaining as Episcopal Vicar until 2006, when he was appointed parish priest of Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge and Dean of the Dudley Deanery. He has also served for a time as Chair of the Birmingham Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission.

Mgr McKinney was appointed tenth Bishop of Nottingham by Pope Francis on 14 May 2015, and was ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham on Friday 3 July 2015. He has taken as his motto 'Seek the Face of Christ'.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Betty Devane** who died on Tuesday in a nursing home in Surrey. It is hoped that the funeral of Betty will take place in King's Lynn in due course.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

I understand that Betty was well known in the parish along with her dear husband Len who died a number of years ago, who was a well loved doctor in the town.

May all those who are mourning be comforted.

Thank you for your prayers for Cathie's Son - Martin. I heard from Cathie last evening who said that Martin's operation went well. We continue to pray for Martin's recovery.

Cardinal Nichols has recorded a message where he has said that : Opening churches for individual prayer is 'a big step forward for society'.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-opening-churches-for-individual-prayer-is-big-step-forward-for-society/>

You can listen to the Cardinal by clicking into the attached link:

<https://soundcloud.com/catholicchurch/opening-catholic-churches-for-private-individual-prayer-a-big-step-forward-for-society>

The transcript is below for you which is available on the Diocese of Westminster website:

I'm glad we're now looking forward to 15th June when church doors may be opened. People may enter to just pray individually and quietly. It's a first step. It's a first important step. I think it's important because there is something quite corporeal, quite to do with the body, about the practice of the Catholic faith. It's the way we pray; it's the places in which we choose to pray. It's the fact that we build churches and we make the church an outward expression of our faith. To enter the church is again to enter, in a particular sense, our sacred space. And I know people are looking forward to this.

Here at Westminster Cathedral we've had people praying at the closed door. Often there's been a bunch of flowers left at the door of the church as [a symbol of] a yearning, a longing to be in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, that's part of our deep-rootedness of faith that we know that Jesus is present with us and he makes that presence into a visible, tangible sacrament.

So we yearn to be back in the aura, in the presence, so that we can express our love for him in this way, which is a more full expression of who we are. Now, we've got to do this carefully; we've got to do this properly. We've had guidance, and that will no doubt continue, but I'm confident that great care will be taken by everybody entering a church and by those responsible for the opening of churches that they do it in a good way when they're ready. This will be a big step forward for us.

I also think it's a big step forward for society, actually. I think the image of a church door closed is quite stark. It carries its own meaning. The image of a church door wide open is also a very important message: come and enter into what we know to be the house of God and in entering and placing yourself there, we know that we live in God's presence always. When that dimension of God is seemingly absent from a way of life, from a society, when we forget about God, then the lesson is that we soon forget about each other as well. We become absorbed in ourselves and in the limited reach of our own immediate experience. So, a wide open door of a church can create a wide open heart to the reality of God, to God's living presence, and to the compassion that we show for each other.

In practice, it means that each church will look at the guidance and look at its capacity, and, I hope, talk to its neighbouring parishes and go step-by-step and open when those responsible for the church, the priest and his team, know that they can do this properly. It's good to be limited because we have to work out how we can offer seats for people that maintain, at the moment, two metres', six feet, distance between one another. It should be a method that, if at all possible, we go in through one door and out through another, so we're not passing each other at the entrances. It should be an entrance that requires everybody to use hand gel to make sure that they're not bringing in the virus and also so they don't pick it up.

It means a routine of cleaning as well, at the end of the day, so that we do as best we can to ensure that there's no transmission of this silent, very, very deadly virus for some people and

that it's safe, safe to come and pray in church again.

As far as I understand, the regulations, and the change in regulations, by which we can open churches on the 15 June, apply to England. I don't think they apply in Scotland or in Wales at this time. They do already apply in Northern Ireland. I know that in Wales there have been meetings between the bishops and the Welsh government over these matters too.

The announcement that was made on Sunday (7th June) about the opening of churches on 15th June was quite explicit. It said it was for individual prayer, and it explicitly said that this does not include the celebration of Mass with a public congregation present. So that has to wait, and it has to wait for all sorts of reasons. Obviously, announcing a public celebration of Mass draws people together and therefore creates a group, a large group, even if it's limited to some extent. It also involves much closer physical contact, particularly in the distribution of Holy Communion, and, customarily, it would involve some singing and public shared proclamation. And all of those things, we're told, have an element of risk of the transmission of this virus. So, we have to be patient and we have to cooperate with public authorities on these public health issues. That's a grave responsibility that we have.

There are many things that we've learnt and there are some old treasures that we've recovered and some practices, I think, that we've restored as part of the pattern of our life. I think, for example, many families have found this both a difficult and an enriching time. A friend of mine in Liverpool told me she was in a queue for the supermarket and there was a young family in front of her and they said, 'oh, come on, you come in front of us'. They got talking. And a mother with two young daughters said, 'we're having a great time'. She said, 'we do all the school work in the morning. And then in the afternoon I teach them. I teach them how to cook. I teach them how to sew. I teach them how to knit, how to darn their socks and repair their clothes. And every Friday then we come out and get some sweets.' So, she was enriching their family life through having extra time together and I know lots of people are doing that.

At its best there are lots of things that we're learning. We're learning the importance of generosity, looking out for those in need. We're learning the importance of appreciating people who do ordinary jobs, like street cleaners and lorry drivers and delivery men and people who stack the shelves in the supermarket; they're appreciated more now. So, we've got a deeper appreciation of the dignity of workers.

There are lots of things that we mustn't lose. There are different ways of reaching out, of teaching the faith, of sharing faith, of having a rosary network on the telephone, all sorts of things. We have to keep these things as we move into what people like to speak of as our 'new normal'.

One of the most difficult things of these months has been trying to do my job in a new way. It's almost like learning a new job because most of the ways in which I try to fulfil my responsibilities involve meeting people: going from parish to parish, working closely with the team here at Archbishop's House and all of that has had to stop. I've had to find new ways of keeping links with people, trying to share responsibility. And that's not been easy.

Each day seems the same as the previous one. Life has almost become monochrome, whereas normally it was polychrome: it had lots of colour in it. So that's been quite hard. I think, like everybody else, one of the things I've learnt is the benefit of not rushing around, the benefit of

being able to stop still, the benefit of doing a bit of gardening. The benefit of having a bit more time to pray. The benefit of sitting, regularly, having a routine pattern to every day, something that has kept us steady. And those things, too, we shouldn't just throw away because we should keep that inner stillness even when the speed increases again.

God bless,

With my love, thoughts and prayers,

Shaun

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**** The ongoing schedule for the Masses for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-Line workers and those working in Social Care:**

18 June - Archbishop Bernard Longley St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham

25 June - Bishop Alan Hopes Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich

2 July - Archbishop John Wilson St George's Cathedral, Southwark

9 July - Bishop Tom Williams Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool
