



## Reading at Mass

If you wish to read at any Sunday Mass, please ask Sonia before the Mass starts, or during the previous week.

Readers must sanitise their hands before and after reading. Gloves may be worn instead, but we are getting through a lot of gloves at the moment and they have become quite expensive.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

## Carol Campbell

Carol is now back home from hospital after her operation to repair her broken hip. Along with her family she thanks everyone who prayed for her or had masses offered.

## FHC and Confirmation

The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on **Saturday 5 September at 10.30am**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) for the children and their families will take place in church on Friday 4 September at 6pm followed by a meeting with Fr Rob and the catechists. There will also be a short rehearsal after the meeting to allow the children to familiarise themselves with the new set-up of the church for social distancing and the order of the Mass. It is mandatory to attend the Friday session.

Our Confirmation Mass will be on **Saturday 12 September at 12 noon**. Candidates must arrive by 11am for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). There will then be time to discuss the format of the Mass. There is a maximum of three guests each.

## Cissie Roche memorial

Thank you to all who contributed to the purchase of the memorial to Cissie. The reredos has now arrived and will be installed in a few weeks' time. The installation will require some building work and I ask your understanding for any disruption.

## Parish Finance

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Income (offertory, standing orders, mass stipends, donations, candles, and special donations to purchase and transport the reredos)	3,160.97
Average weekly expenditure	<u>1,535.00</u>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>1,625.97</b>

## Live-streaming

As many of you have seen we are now able to live-stream events here from SJV. There have been a few problems, in particular there have been sound issues. We are working on this and hope that things will improve shortly.

## Reception of Holy Communion

Could I just give you a gentle reminder of a few important points about the reception of the Sacrament in this time of pandemic:

1. Approach the priest/minister and remove your mask before you receive the Sacred Host.
2. Make a throne of your left hand over your right then using your right hand reverently consume.
3. Check for any particles of the Host that may have remained on your hand and fingers and consume any that you find.
4. Replace your mask and only then move away.
5. Please do remember the usual signs of reverence such as appropriate genuflections etc.

*Fr Rob*

## Notices and News

### First Holy Communion programme 2020-21

Applications are now open for children aged 7 or over who wish to receive their first Holy Communion next year. Forms are available at the church – please ask Bernadetta or Sonia. Please apply by 11 October 2020.

### Mass intentions

If you would like a Mass offered, please complete a Mass request envelope, place the stipend inside and put it in the parish letter box or give it to Sonia.

## Gift aid

If you haven't collected your gift aid box yet, please find it at the back of the church.

If you are a taxpayer and are not yet in the gift aid scheme, please take a form from the narthex, complete it and give it to Duncan or Sonia.

It really helps SJV if you can make your donation by monthly standing order. You can do that by completing a standing order form, available in the narthex or from Duncan or Sonia. Alternatively set one up through your own online banking – our account details are on the standing order form.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Confession is available on Saturday mornings between 10am and 10.30am and at other times by arrangement with Fr Rob.

### Parish finance

Please place your offertory donations in the basket near the church entrance/exit doors.

If you prefer you can also donate online at [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=clayhall](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=clayhall).

### Gardening

The church grounds are looking better than they have for years. If you wish to help with keeping them this way, do turn up on any Monday at 10.30am (if it's not raining). You will be most welcome.

### Parish register

During the period the church was closed we communicated with parishioners by post using addresses in our parish register. If you did not receive any letters from us, that is because you are not registered. Registration forms are available in the narthex – please complete one.

### Redbridge Foodbank

Redbridge Foodbank continues to need our support to help local families in crisis. Your gifts of non-perishable foods, toiletries and baby

## Our Lady's Lamp

Our Lady's blue lamp burns this coming week for Anna and Sarah Appadoo in consecration to the immaculate heart of Mary.

If you would like the lamp to burn for an intention of yours, please fill in one of the special envelopes in the narthex. All weeks are available.

nappies are greatly appreciated. More information at [redbridge.foodbank.org.uk](http://redbridge.foodbank.org.uk).

### Holy Rosary and Mass

The Marian Movement for Priests will meet here for Holy Rosary and Mass on Tuesday 1 September at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### Church porch/narthex open

The outer doors of the church will remain open until 12 noon Tuesday to Saturday to enable people to come to pray in the narthex (porch).

### Second collections

Collections for the Holy Land, Peter's Pence and the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which could not take place during lockdown, will be held on dates in September and October. Details later.

## Vacancy

### Part-time cleaner

Required as soon as possible at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster. 52 wks/pa, 10 hrs/wk, 6.15-8.15am Monday to Friday. £11.01 to £11.40 per hour. Application forms are on [www.sacredheartofmary.net](http://www.sacredheartofmary.net). Apply by 31 August 2020.

**Please check your phone is off or totally silent during Mass.**

**You must wear a face covering in church unless you are exempt.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.**