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LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

Sunday, 16th August 2020

KEEPING THE CHURCH SAFE: In the weeks since churches re-opened, we have been blessed in having a group of volunteers who act as stewards during Mass and then sanitise the pews and kneelers after every service. We need more people to help with this vital work. If you are a parishioner, aged 18 to 70 and not clinically vulnerable, please consider whether you could give a hand. To volunteer or get more information, please contact Charles McFarland 020 8767 7132 or cpmm@hotmail.co.uk.

COMING TO MASS: In addition to some benches being cordoned off to facilitate social distancing, another change is that parishioners are asked to notify in advance the Parish Administrator (020 7352 0777 x2 or chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk) which Mass they wish to attend. While this may seem odd, perhaps slightly intrusive, it is asked of us as part of this country's effort to combat a renewed spread of Covid 19. If you have not been doing this, please start. We need to maintain the flow of people entering church, avoiding queues, or social distancing becomes a problem. However, if you cannot contact the Parish Office, you are still most welcome to come to Mass, though you will be asked to give your name and contact number or email address. The number of Masses on Sunday is reduced during August, but from 5th/6th September, Mass times will be as below.

TIMES OF MASS FROM SEPTEMBER 5th/6th

Mass of Sunday:

Saturday 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm

Daily Mass (Monday to Friday) 8.00am, Saturday 10.00am

READINGS AT MASS: Some people miss being able to read the Scripture texts during Mass, whether during the Liturgy of the Word or as a reflection after Holy Communion. Those of you with access to the internet may wish to find them at universalis.com. In the present circumstances, it is most acceptable to use phones or tablets in church, but only to access the readings, prayers, meditations etc.

AID TO BEIRUT: Everyone was no doubt shocked by the extent of the damage caused by the explosion in Beirut on 4th August. If you wish help the relief effort, the charity Aid to the Church in Need has links with the local community in Beirut and can use your donation efficiently and effectively. Please have a look at their website to see the work they do and how to donate: acnuk.org. Please remember in your prayers the victims, the survivors and their relations and friends around the world, as well as those involved in relief work.

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