

The Church of St Martha's, Little Common

Planning a Resumption of the Sacred Liturgy

Now that we have restored seven public Masses at St Mary Magdalene, we can now turn our attention to the Church of St Martha's in Little Common.

What should be provided?

With Social distancing the capacity of the Church will be greatly reduced, so this is not simply about restoring a Sunday Mass but establishing a wider range of liturgical provision that complements (*and does not compete with*) the provision already established at St Mary Magdalene. Therefore, our aim might be to secure the following:

Masses

Saturday: 9.45am Mass at St Mary Magdalene

Afternoon or evening Mass at St Martha's

Sunday: **'Early' Mass at St Martha's**

11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene

Monday: **space available for a Mass at St Martha's**

Tuesday: 9.45am Mass at St Mary Magdalene

Wednesday: 9.45am Mass at St Mary Magdalene

6.45pm Mass at St Mary Magdalene

Thursday: **space available for a Mass at St Martha's**

Friday: 9.45am Mass at St Mary Magdalene

Saturday: 9.45am Mass at St Mary Magdalene

When should we do this?

The Patronal Feast of St Martha is on Wednesday 29th July, which is often transferred to the nearest Sunday, which could be either 26th July or 2nd August, so it would be a good aim to be ready for some limited commemoration of St Martha, either the weekend before or after.

How will we do this?

If we are to achieve this, we need to establish:

1. A team to make the Church COVID-secure
 - Cleaning the Church,
 - Shifting benches (if necessary) to establish 2 metre social distance,
 - Establishing one-way systems, and placing direction markers

This will take a whole day: **9am to 4pm on Saturday 18th July**

Please email stmm@btconnect.com if you can help.

You need to be under 70, have no COVID underlying health conditions and be able to shift benches.

2. To make Mass viable, we need teams of stewards.
 - A team should have 4 or 5 people in them, as they need to be maintained for some time to come.
 - We must not de-stabilise teams already established at St Mary Magdalene as that would be counterproductive.

To begin with we are looking for teams for duty shifts:

- Sunday Morning – 08.30am to 10.30am (Mass at 9am)
- Saturday afternoon or evening – about 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Mass at 6pm)
- Monday and / or Thursday – 09.30am to 11.30am (Mass at 9.45am, followed by private prayer).

Stewards should:

- Be under 70 years of age (essential)
- Have no COVID underlying health issues (essential)
- Hold a DBS with the parish or recognizable organisation (desirable)

If you can help email: stmm@btconnect.com so we can send you the Volunteer Questionnaire.