

The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 15th August 2021, 10.15 a.m.

Live at St Giles' Church and
Live Streamed on Facebook

Moving forward together

On 19th July we reached step 4 of the Government's roadmap. This step removes all legal restrictions on social contact and places greater responsibility on individuals and organisations to make local decisions regarding the continued wearing of masks and social contact with others. Even with these permissions, many organisations are, in coming weeks, still asking people to wear face masks and whilst reducing social distancing are still providing for its continuance in some form to ensure that people feel safe and comfortable. We know that many of the restrictions we undertake are not for our own benefit but for the benefit of others.

These decisions will be reviewed later in August, or sooner if needed, for the start of September.

- Those who use the track & trace app will be encouraged to continue to check in, but we will **no longer** require everyone to sign in and book for services.
- We strongly advise that people continue to wear face masks for worship.
- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged.
- Doors will continue to be left open to improve ventilation.
- We will invite people to choose their own seats, but advise leaving two seats space between different groups who are seated on the same row. The gaps between rows will be reduced. Strict socially distanced seating will be retained in the café area and balcony should that prove necessary.
- We will slowly introduce limited congregational singing, whilst asking people to remain masked to sing.
- We will not, at this point, be making any changes to how we currently share the peace.
- The priest will continue to hand sanitise and wear a face covering when distributing communion.
- We will continue following a one-way system for communion and moving around church.
- We will retain only taking communion in one kind until we can return to the common cup safely.
- The collection will remain as a basket placed near the north door.
- The live streaming of services will be continued in the short term.
- We will hope to return to refreshments after services and on Saturdays, no later than the beginning of September.
- Any church groups seeking to resume meeting in church ahead of September need to speak with the vicar and wardens for advice on risk assessing the activity.

A bell is rung to begin our worship.

Cover: Albrecht Dürer woodcut of the Assumption of St Mary

The Gathering

Hymn (188)

**Ye who own the faith of Jesus
sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father
o'er our sin the victory won,
when He made the Virgin Mary
Mother of His only Son.**

Hail Mary, full of grace.

**Blessèd were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come,
blessèd was the land of promise
fashioned for His earthly home;
but more blessèd far the Mother
she who bare Him in her womb.**

Hail Mary, full of grace.

**Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made thee ark and throne;
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One,
Hail Mary, full of grace.**

Vincent S S Coles (1845-1929)

†In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

**The Lord be with you
and also with you.**



Acclamation

Father God, you chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son.
Have mercy on all who wait for your redemption.



Invitation to confession

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight
and chosen what displeased him.
Yet as a mother comforts her child,
so shall the Lord himself comfort us.
So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

Prayer of Penitence

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president says

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
✠ and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis Addington

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect for The Blessed Virgin Mary

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Galatians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 1.46-55

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary said

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy
 hear our prayer.

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Pam; Cynthia; Steph; Dawn; Stephen; Jonathan; Christine; Brenda; Dianne; Dave;
Terry, Ian; Morag; Ali; Barbara; Mike; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nichol; Janet Hickling;
Tracy Birkitt; Rhys Williams; Pat Steel; Maureen Steane; Anita Murray; David
Murray; Andrew & Jenny Priest; Denzil & David.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Barbara Sheldon; Beth Riley; Val Farnsworth; Barbara Holroyd; Gayle
Ablethorpe; Fr David Wheatley (Priest).

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Ella Vivian Howarth; Eric Rushton; Michael Whitcombe (Priest).

At the end: Merciful Father

 **accept these prayers
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

*Please **DO NOT** share the peace physically*

Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn

*Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
when she to Beth'lem came that happy morn;
how high her raptures then began to swell,
none but her own omniscient Son can tell.*

*As Eve when she her fontal sin reviewed,
wept for herself and all she should include,
blest Mary with man's Saviour in embrace
joyed for herself and for all human race.*

*All saints are by her Son's dear influence blest,
she kept the very Fountain at her breast;
the Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
a thousandfold of love for love repaid.*

*Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
next to His throne her Son His Mother placed;
and here below, now she's of heaven possessed,
all generations are to call her blessed.*

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God our Father,
your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.

**Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven
and the cup of salvation.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters
that this my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
almighty Father, ever-living God,
to give you thanks and praise
for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit
she conceived and bore the Word made flesh.

At the cross she kept her vigil,



and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its perfection.
She rejoiced in his resurrection,
and joining her prayers with those of the apostles,
was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit.
In her you show us the greatness of your love,
and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children.

Therefore we join our voice with hers,
and all the company of heaven,
as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

Sanctus & Benedictus Nardone - The Kilcreggan Mass

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

*Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**



Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei Nardone - The Kilcreggan Mass

*Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.*

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The president and people receive communion.

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

Those who feel unable or do not wish to receive communion at the moment, may use this prayer silently as a spiritual act of communion.

**In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise
and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the
earnest wish that I may always be united to you.**

**And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to
come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace
you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you
from me.**

May I live and die in your love.

Hymn (187)

*Virgin-born, we bow before Thee:
blessèd was the womb that bore Thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
blessèd was she in her Child.
Blessèd was the breast that fed Thee;
blessèd was the hand that led Thee;
blessèd was the parent's eye
that watched Thy slumbering infancy.*

*Blessèd she by all creation,
who brought forth the world's salvation,
and blessèd they - for ever blest,*

who love Thee most and serve Thee best.
Virgin-born, we bow before Thee;
blessèd was the womb that bore Thee;
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
blessèd was she in her Child.

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Notices are given

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

Amen.

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

Amen.

and the blessing ...

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn (186)

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of His word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His Name:
make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word:
firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-) Fr. St Luke 1 46-55

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The clergy and people depart.

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