



Dear parishioners,

1. From the weekend of **25/26th September**, we plan to resume Sunday Masses – at these times – 5.30 Saturday, 9.30, 11.30 and 6.00 Sunday. To make this possible, we need your help. We will need at least 3 people to assist as stewards at each Sunday Mass. At the present time we are looking only for help during August. You can volunteer for any Sunday you are free – and please don't be shy about volunteering for more than one Sunday either! **Remember, Sunday Mass will not be possible without your help**, and I am very much relying on your generosity of spirit. You can sign up by filling in the Doodle poll 'Holy Ghost Mass volunteers' – just follow this link:

<https://doodle.com/poll/rxd4n4brwer6xgvq>

Alternatively (or for more information) please email Monserrat Cisa, who is kindly organising this rota, at this email address: monsecisa@gmail.com

You can find more information about Sunday Mass, and what to expect in church, by reading last week's parish update '**Returning to Sunday Mass**'

2. I am also happy to announce that we will have a new assistant priest arriving at Holy Ghost in September. His name is Fr. Giovanni Prandini (he was born in northern Italy, where his family still live, and trained for the priesthood at our Diocesan seminary in Wonersh). Fr Giovanni has only just been ordained, so will be coming to us for his first experience of priesthood. It will be a unique experience, given the Covid-19 pandemic and all that has flowed from that. Nevertheless, I hope we can give Fr Giovanni a very positive experience of the priestly ministry! He will arrive at the very beginning of September, after spending August in Italy with his family. Please do keep Fr Giovanni in your prayers at this time – as well as remembering Fr Tom as he continues his training with the Royal Navy.

I look forward to seeing you soon, as the parish continues to open up.

With best wishes,

Fr Richard