

ST EDMUND'S PARISH BUNGAY AND HARLESTON

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URGENT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ALAN

NEW ALTERATION IN RULES FOR COVID PROTECTION

Face Coverings have become mandatory in Places of Worship from THIS SATURDAY, 8 August 2020. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.

Message from Fr Charles: Although we have a small supply of coverings at the church and chapel, I would be grateful if everyone could routinely bring their own mask to Mass each Sunday, and have them in place before entering.

TIMETABLE

The current timetable for St Edmund's Church (Bungay) and St Thomas More's Chapel (Harleston) is as follows:

MONDAY No Mass (church cleaning)

TUESDAY 8 am Mass at Harleston (as usual)

WEDNESDAY No Mass (as usual)

THURSDAY Mass and Eucharistic Adoration 12 noon

FRIDAY Mass 9.15am Bungay

SATURDAY; Vigil Mass of the Sunday 6.30 pm (as usual)

SUNDAY 16 August: 9 am Mass at Harleston (as usual); 10.30 am Mass at Bungay (as usual). Confessions each Saturday at 1030.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

This feast, which is the principal annual feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is normally on 15 August but is this year transferred to next Sunday, 16 August, when we will have the usual weekend routine.

SUNDAY MASS

The bishops have confirmed that the dispensation from the Sunday obligation still stands. Now that we are back in church a supply of hard-copy Newsletters will appear at the church doors as usual, but please remember that they always appear first on our website which you can access here: www.stedmundsrcbungay.org.uk

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The idea of celebrating 1 September as a day of prayer for creation began at the wish of the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios in 1989, and was endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

God Bless you all — Father Charles