

COVID 19 LOCKDOWN UPDATE

From Saturday 4th. July churches may reopen for Public Worship with appropriate safeguards. The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended for the grave reason of protecting public health. Those with underlying health conditions should continue to self-isolate, others will have to decide if they wish to attend Public Mass in church. We can reduce social distancing from 2 metres to 1 metre plus. The plus refers to mitigating measures, this means you will be required to wear a face covering in church. It is a parishioners' responsibility to provide their own face covering. With the reduced 1 metre social distancing we can accommodate up to 30 in church. The pews have been marked with the places to sit in order to satisfy the 1 metre distance. Please sit IN FRONT of the white marker. Members of the same household may sit together but this will have a knock-on effect on other marked places to retain the 1 metre social distance. Bring as few possessions as possible, anything left behind in church will be disposed of. Do not touch statues or other items in church unless it is a necessity. Initially there will be no servers, readers or special ministers of communion. Mass is to be as short as possible to reduce time in church, there will be no singing, offertory or sign of peace.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT CHURCH

Ensure you are wearing a face covering and sanitise your hands. Social distancing and hand hygiene are key in protecting health. Sign in for track and trace purposes.

Take note of the signs and the guidance of the stewards. Note that toilets, confessionals and piety cupboards are closed. No hymn books are required.

Collect a Bulletin sheet if you do not receive one by email.

Missalettes will be found at the back of the church. All handouts must be taken away with you and disposed of responsibly at home. As there is no offertory you will find a weekly collection basket on the table with the missalettes and also at the hand sanitisation station on the way out by the side exit.

Please observe social distancing of 1 metre and the one-way system.

Votive candles are only available in the Lady chapel.

COMMUNION

After the prayer and response "Behold the lamb of God... Lord I am not worthy..." the Priest holds up the host and says "The Body of Christ" and all respond "Amen". The Priest then holds up the chalice and says "The Blood of Christ" and all respond "Amen". The Priest then receives Holy Communion in the usual way. After purifying paten and chalice the Priest will say the post communion prayer and give the blessing and dismissal. After cleansing his hands and putting on a face mask he proceeds to the place for distribution of Holy Communion. It will be under one kind and on the hand. Arms should be at full stretch and nothing is said as the responses have already been made. The communicant then leaves the church by the side exit sanitising their hands as they go. If you cannot manage the steps at the side exit please stay in your place until everyone has gone and the Priest will bring Communion to you in your place and you can leave church in the usual way.

Masses Intentions can be booked by placing the details and offering in an envelope which should then be placed in one of the weekly collection baskets.

When everyone has left the cleaning of the church will begin.