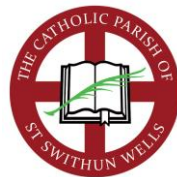


GUIDELINES FOR THE REINTRODUCTION OF MASS IN OUR PARISH



From the 6th July we will begin to have public Masses. Below are some indication which may help you to decide if coming back to Mass is safe for you. Please read carefully and let us know if you have questions.

1) Even if everyone desires to come back to Mass, parishioners are currently not obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and ought not attend if the following apply:

- For example if they are sick, or experiencing cold or flu like symptoms
- They are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness, or if they are in the "vulnerable" category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions etc.)

It is envisaged that the Sunday obligation will not be imposed until the latter phases of the lifting of restrictions.

2) Alcohol hand gel will be provided at the church doors. Parishioners should sanitize their hands as they enter and leave the church.

3) Stewards will be at the Church entrance to assist parishioners when they enter, leave, and during Mass. They will make sure social distancing is respected.

4) Churches will be marked out with appropriate signage to make sure social distancing is respected.

5) We have a limited space available in our churches.

When the maximum number is reached it will not be possible to enter the church.

6) We encourage parishioners to come 15 minutes before Mass starts to help the work of the stewards.

7) Parishioners who don't work during the week or are retired, are encouraged to attend Mass on week days rather than Sundays.

8) Congregational singing will not be possible at Mass.

9) Parishioners should wear masks or face coverings during Mass.

10) The priest and deacons will not wear gloves or masks during the Mass. However, they will wear masks when distributing Holy Communion.

11) There will be no physical sign of peace. People may still turn to one another and say "Peace be with you."

12) The Eucharist will be distributed under one kind only; distribution of Holy Communion from the

Chalice is suspended.

13) When giving Holy Communion in the hand, the priest will ensure that the host is placed in the hand of the recipient in such a way that there is not touching and that the maximum possible social distance is maintained.

14) Social distancing must be maintained in the communion lines.

15) A priest will be available after Mass to hear Confessions if requested, following appropriate social distancing.

16) We encourage parishioners to make their offering by Direct Debit or Standing Order. In any case a basket will be placed at church exits and parishioners may put their collection there.

17) For the time being we will carry on streaming Mass from Holy Cross on Thursday at 9.30am and on Sunday at 11.00am.

18) An outside Mass will be celebrated every Sunday at St Swithun Wells Primary School outside Field at 4.30pm. Bring your own seating. Mass will be suspended only in the case of very bad weather. It will be possible to park in the playground.

19) If a parishioner attending Mass does develop Covid, they or their family should make the parish aware.