

# Welcome back to Mass

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Government directives now allow us to celebrate public Mass, provided we meet strict criteria. Please bear with us, and thank you.

Our **toilets** are not available for use, nor are individual **cushioned chairs**.

Wearing **a face-covering in church became compulsory** on Saturday 8 August.

**Seating.** We are obliged to monitor numbers and where people sit.

For this reason, a steward might well direct you to the next available designated seat. Please follow their guidance.

You are unlikely to find yourself in your usual place. Enjoy your new perspective of the sanctuary.

People in the same household or the same social bubble may sit together.

Avoid encroaching on the minimum space required between you and the person next nearest to you who is not in your household or social bubble.

**Communion.** If you are unable to walk to the altar to receive Holy Communion, please speak to a steward on your arrival.

You are welcome to take a **Mass book**, provided you take it home with you, write your name on the label on the front cover, and retain it for your personal use at church.

If you wish to light a **candle**, before doing so wait a few minutes after you have used the alcohol hand sanitiser.

Please keep an appropriate distance from anyone in front of you.

You will need to light your candle from one already lit: tapers and lighters are not in use.

**Collection.** Please make your donations to church by standing order. If not, please write a cheque. There is a basket at the back of church.

Protocols for handling cash are strict, and the more we can avoid your fellow parishioners having to count cash and take it to the bank, so much the better.

These notes will be revised in line with further directives from the Government or our Bishops.

*Fr Geoffrey : updated 2 September 2020*