

## **Guidance on coming to Mass as we emerge from Lockdown**

- Social distancing of ideally two metres for members of different households should be strictly observed. Members of the same household can sit together.
- Worshippers must apply hand-sanitising gel on entering the church.
- Service booklets will be used, as there will be an interval of more than 72 hours before they are used again.
- No singing – the virus is thought to be ten times more likely to be transmitted by singing than by speaking.
- All celebrations will be at the principal altar to allow for social distancing.
- Only the presiding priest will be allowed to stand at the altar.
- The sacred vessels will be prepared and placed on the altar before the Mass begins.
- The Peace will not be exchanged physically.
- When coming up for Holy Communion, people will need to keep at least a metre between one-another, in a 'one-way' traffic system. There is to be no kneeling for Holy Communion and no touching of the altar rails.
- Holy Communion will be given in one kind (bread only), into outstretched hands, and will be administered without the usual words of administration. The faithful are to say 'Amen' in their minds on receiving the host.
- The congregation will leave directly after the Blessing and Dismissal, in a socially-distancing manner, as guided by the sidespersons. Sadly, we cannot offer refreshments at this time.
- A collection will not be taken; instead people will be invited to place their offerings in a collection box or plate either on arrival or on departure.
- If you wish to chat to others after Mass, please do so outside the church building, remembering to observe the recommended social distancing rules.

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