

Congregational Worship Resumed from Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th July

We are pleased to be able to resume public Masses from this weekend. Weekend Masses will be at the regular pre-lockdown times:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7pm

Sunday at 8am, 10am, 12noon and 7pm (Polish Mass 1.30pm)

Weekday Mass will be at 9.30am only (no evening Masses for the time being)

Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate everybody at these Masses. The Bishops Conference has emphasised that the Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended.

As we welcome the faithful, it is still vitally important that we take seriously the risks arising from the Covid19 pandemic, so in order to stay safe we must comply with Government and Diocesan health and safety regulations. We will therefore be celebrating Mass under changed circumstances, with a number of special measures in place.

From Saturday 8th August **Face Coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship**. All those who are attending must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so.

Attendance will be limited to 90 people at each Mass. In order to facilitate government track and trace procedures, we will be registering attendance as far as possible. We are asking those who are able to [pre-book on-line](#). If you attend without pre-booking there will be some places available, but you will be asked for contact details on arrival. Your details will be held in compliance with GDPR regulations and will not be used for any other purpose.

There will be volunteer stewards on hand to assist you – we ask you please to follow their directions.

- There will be separate entrance and exit doors, and one way traffic when moving around inside the church. Please try to maintain 2 metre distancing.
- You will be invited to sanitize your hands on entry to the church.
- Seating will be in the main body of the church only, at marked locations. There will be a seating area allocated for family/household groups who can sit together.
- We regret that the lavatories will not be available.
- Communion will be under one kind only. Before distributing Communion the priest at the altar will raise the Host and announce “The body of Christ”, to which the congregation should together respond “Amen”. There should be no further dialogue between priest/minister and communicant during the distribution.
- Communion will be distributed at two locations, at the front of the church and in the centre. There will be a barrier between priest/minister and communicant. Please receive Communion in the palm of the hand, with your arms fully outstretched.
- There will be no collection during Mass. Collection boxes will be available for your offering on the way out of church.
- Candles may be lit at the Pieta altar. Please only use the candles provided (do not bring your own candles into church).
- Please do not touch any statues or the crucifix. Holy water stoups will be empty.