

St. Francis Re-Opening (Sundays only; weekdays later)

Here is what to expect when you attend Mass at St Francis. First, you will have a booking. Please see separately for the details of that.

Whether you arrive in the car park or from the road, there may be a queue, so please give yourself plenty of time. Leave 2m between yourself and the person/group in front of you and do not form gaggles for a conversation.

When you get to the door, make sure you have a face mask on. Inside the door, on the right and the left are hand sanitisers. They dispense sanitiser automatically without the need to push, pull, squeeze or otherwise touch them. It is a diocesan requirement that everyone sanitises their hands coming in and leaving. If you have any problem with the alcohol based liquid provided please make sure to bring some of your own to use at the door.

Wait at the inner door until you are attended by a steward. He/she will have a seating plan and direct or take you to your seat. That seat will have been allocated in advance to make best use of space. Once at your seat, stay there until directed to leave at the end of Mass by a steward. Please do not engage in conversation with other groups.

Mass will be trimmed to keep the time everyone is in the same place as short as possible. The homily will be short, there will be no offertory procession or bidding prayers and no exchange of the sign of peace. Collection boxes for the main and second collections will be on the table by the door. The keyboard may be played, but there is no singing.

Communion.

Before the Priest takes communion, he will hold up the Host and say, "The Body of Christ." All say, "Amen". Then the chalice, saying, "The Blood of Christ." And again the response is "Amen". Thereafter communion is received in silence.

The Deacon and/or Eucharistic Ministers will bring communion to the people in their places.

You should stand, extend your arms at full stretch. Hold the hands one on top of the other as flatly as possible to receive communion on the hand. Then remove your face covering and consume the host and replace the covering.

After the prayer, Blessing and Dismissal, please remain at your seats until directed to leave by a steward. Maintain social distancing on the way out and refrain from any gathering in groups for conversations outside.

General

Avoid touching anything unnecessarily. Don't move about the church or leave until the end. The current guidance is that toilets should not be used. In emergency, approach a steward. Don't move the chairs around and stay out of forbidden zones.

If you want a prayer book of any sort, bring it with you and be sure to take it away again. The church ones are out of use.

Be patient and bear with the stewards, who are on strange ground as much as anyone.