

GUIDANCE FOR ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS AT ST FRANCIS

This Guidance comes from the Parish Council and has been issued bearing in mind its duty to keep premises safe beyond the removal of Covid-19 legislation. Government guidelines also exist and the Bishops' Conference has sent out guidance based on discussions with Public Health England and HM Government Places of Worship Task Force. It is impossible to predict any increase in infections nationally or locally. The effect of return to school and, more particularly, University (a national and international catchment area) will have to await time.

So this guidance is not set in stone and subject to review as circumstances change - in either direction.

The intention is to keep everyone as safe as possible and for them to feel welcome and at home on a Sunday morning.

Not everyone feels the same about the risks involved in mixing. Not everyone can be pleased all of the time! These guidelines tell you what is happening so that you know and are not put into a situation you find uncomfortable.

ARRANGEMENTS

1. The current booking system will be suspended after Sunday 19th September, in line with most other parishes in the Diocese.
2. We will continue to wear masks.
3. Sanitisers will still be used on entry.
4. You can register your presence by using the QR code at the entrance.
5. Stewards will guide you to a pew and, at the end, regulate the flow out as before. (Pews will be filled with as many groups (people attending together) as will fit with a metre between groups.) Please leave spaces as you come in and go out.
6. If capacity is reached, (which not happened yet) no more people will be admitted.
7. Please follow the instructions of the stewards. But if you want to pray after Mass, just stay in your place.
8. The communion procession will start again. The rule is - up the centre aisle - back down the sides. Stewards will supervise to begin with. Communion will be under one kind in the hand.
9. The Sign of Peace will start again (non-touching outside your group).
10. A hymn will be sung at the beginning and the end. (Keep mask on!) Books will be put out on the pews. Please leave them there at the end.
11. The Blessed Sacrament chapel will be available for little ones.

This Guidance will be subject to review as necessary and, in any event, in about two months. If you know anyone who does not have the means to read the Bulletin, please pass on this information.

Many thanks for your understanding.