

LATEST COVID GUIDANCE from 19th July 2021-A message from Father Bill

Now we have the latest guidance regarding how we will proceed after Monday 19th.

We want to assure you that we are being as vigilant as practical in order to avoid the chances of transmission, and that you need not feel unduly concerned about attending Sunday Mass.

The new guidelines suggest that we might decide to dispense with masks, but it leaves that decision to the parishes.

As the Government has recommended masks should still be worn for indoor settings **we will continue with masks**, though not taking it as obligatory.

We have decided to **keep the social distancing arrangement for seating as we have it now**, and the stewards have kindly offered to keep going as they have been: ensuring that people are directed to their places and that they approach for communion safely.

We will continue to **keep a record of attendees** at Mass, either by using the app, or manual recording.

Hand sanitising will continue unchanged.

Singing can be re-instated, but we will not be taking that route just yet (how do you sing with a mask on?)

Altar servers are now allowed, so we would encourage any who might venture to come.

We thought this to be a stage in a cautious approach to removing restrictions, given that the number of infections in our area is on the increase. We will review in August.

I hope that puts to rest some of your worries.