

27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parishioner,

We will be operating a system of pre-booking for all Masses in September.

How this will work:

Bookings for each weekend will open the previous weekend and close at 9am on Thursday. For example if you wanted to book a place for Saturday 5th or Sunday 6th September then you must email your request no earlier than Saturday 29th August and no later than 9am on Thursday 3rd September.

You must make a new request for a place every week that you want one - if I cannot allocate you a place one weekend your request will not automatically be carried over to the following week.

As long as you have sent your request by Thursday at 9am the system will not be first-come first served. Instead, if I have more requests than space I will look back at previous attendance to make sure everyone gets a 'fair' chance. It is unlikely anyone will be able to come every single week, especially as time goes on and more parishioners decide they would like to return, but please make your requests as frequently as you would ideally like to attend.

What you need to do:

Every weekend that you would like to attend Mass please send an email before 9am on Thursday with the following information:

1. Whether you are requesting a space for Saturday or Sunday.
2. How many from your household/support bubble you are booking for.
3. A phone number for test and trace purposes (one number per booking is fine).

If you have a preferred place to sit in church please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate your wishes.

I will then email you back on a Thursday, letting you know if there is room for you that week, and if so which pew you have been allocated.

If you cannot email then call Fr Ken and give him the same information and I will call you back.

I hope all this makes sense. Any questions please let me know.

When we are ready to restart some weekday Masses this will be announced in the newsletter which is published on our website every Friday:

<https://www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk/newsletters/>

Our rota of helpers to steward at Mass and clean the church could do with some extra support. If you would like to know more about how you can get involved and help please let me know (you must be under 70, in good health and not in a shielded category). Similarly, our reader and eucharistic minister teams are smaller than usual so do let me know if you'd like to join in.

Best wishes,

Louise Moss  
Parish Secretary  
St Aidan's