

## ATTENDANCE FOR SUNDAY MASS

In light of the Church of England's lifting of restrictions I have formulated a way in which I might offer a safe return to the public celebration of Mass. Bearing in mind that our Church is undergoing roof and maintenance works until the end of September.

Twenty-five socially spaced individual chairs and additional seating to accommodate families in groups of 4, 5 & 7 has been arranged in the **Church Centre**.

There will be two opportunities to attend Mass - on the **Saturday evening at 18:00 (6pm) and Sunday morning at 10:00**. To remind everyone, in the Liturgy Sunday starts on Saturday night and Therefore the Saturday evening Mass will be the same readings etc., and celebration as Sunday morning. For those concerned about coming out in the evening please remember we are in summertime and it doesn't get dark until late.

In order to enable as many people, as our centre will allow, to attend Mass and avoid disappointment or unnecessary travel, it will be necessary for people to **attend by appointment**. The Centre door will be kept open during the week and parishioners will need to come (or ask someone to sign for them) to physically 'sign up' **with their own pen** to a Mass on a first come first served basis. If there is no clip board on the Lobby table with a Mass sheet to sign up to, this will indicate that the Mass for that Saturday evening or Sunday morning is full for that celebration.

When signing the sheet please place **ONE** person's name in **ONE** box e.g. **please do not sign** 'Bert & Shirley Smith' in the same box as each box represents one chair.

For those with a number of family members attending who are permitted to sit together, when signing the **separate entry box**, the family member will need to state how many relatives will be attending so that they can be correctly seated.

The signing also enables us to 'Track and Trace' should anyone fall ill following attendance at any particular Mass.

For everyone's safety please note the following:

1. All attendees upon entry and exit will need to sanitize their hands. Those who are vulnerable and/or over 70 may wish to wear a face covering.
2. A personal Service Sheet with the Mass basics will be provided for each individual for them to use, keep and return with for each future Mass they attend.
3. On entry to the hall area, **PLEASE DO NOT MOVE ANY OF THE CHAIRS**.
4. The Mass will be a **Said Mass**, no singing is allowed at this time.
5. Communion will be in one kind, i.e. the Sacred Body, and the reception of the sacrament will be ordered.
6. No refreshments will be served and parishioners will be encouraged to leave directly after Mass to avoid any contamination.
7. No toilets will be available, so please make sure you 'go' before you arrive!

The first Mass will be on **Saturday 18th & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July** respectively.

If you are still self-isolating, vulnerable or concerned about attending Mass at this time I will, for the immediate future, be Live-streaming the Saturday evening Mass.

On completion of the building works the situation will be reassessed, by which time circumstances regarding the pandemic may have changed and the position of Government and Church authorities along with them.

One request I ask of those of this parish who have been regularly attending the Live-streamed Sunday Mass: **Please** inform those not on-line, friends, fellow parishioners and neighbours of this opportunity to come together and receive the Lord.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

**Father Mark**