

Re-starting Sunday Mass

1. The government have relaxed their guidelines that allow us to initiate mass but there are several criteria that the church has to meet. Primarily:
 - a. Keep everyone as safe as possible – i.e. introduce cleaning and limit the number of attendees
 - b. Keep a record of attendees in case “Track and Trace” is required
2. After discussing and putting in place strict guidelines, Father Robert has agreed to facilitate a Sunday mass on 19th July at 10am. If this is successful, then we will look to add Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8.30am masses.
3. We have restricted the number of parishioners to 30 attendees per mass.
4. Please call John Kane (07920 565330 - his number is on the Newsletter) from Monday to Friday between 6pm and 8pm – to book a “Place on a Pew”. You will be assigned a specific space in the church – John will record this and take your details. If all the spaces have already been taken, you will be placed on the list for the following week and you will be prioritised for that week.
5. **PLEASE DO NOT TURN UP AT MASS WITHOUT BOOKING A PLACE.**
6. Please plan to arrive at church at least 10 minutes before the start, you must have a face covering (mask) and be prepared to queue (socially distanced) – a volunteer will welcome you, request you to sanitise your hands, tick you off the pre-booked list and show you to your pew.
7. There will be a couple of key difference during the mass:
 - a. There will be no offering of the sign of peace;
 - b. The communion will be given at the very end of mass, after the final blessing;
 - c. Father Robert will say, “This is the body of Christ” to the whole congregation, to which the whole congregation will respond “Amen”.
 - d. Father Robert will then ask each pew to approach separately, and place the Eucharist into the parishioners’ **outstretched** hands, nothing will be said, the parishioner should then exit the church via the side chapel and side exit and not return.
 - e. We are not encouraging any gathering after the mass and would prefer parishioners to go straight home but if you have a discussion with another family group outside the church, please ensure you maintain a 2-meter social distance.
8. We will be looking for volunteers for each mass going forward. These volunteers will need to arrive 30 minutes before mass commences, assist in sanitising the pews, ticking off parishioners on the pre-booked list, requesting parishioners to sanitise hands, showing the parishioner to their assigned seat and staying 30 minutes after mass to assist in sanitising the pews again.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Father Robert via phone 0208 948 8292 or email ham@rcaos.org.uk.

Mass will still be on Zoom