

In response to the relaxing of restrictions from 19th July 2021 we are committed to ensuring our church remains a safe space for our parishioners. Booking in for Masses will no longer be required but we ask all parishioners adhere to the following:

1 Please do not attend Mass if you feel unwell or you have tested positive for COVID 19 within the last ten days. For up to date information on symptoms associated with Covid please see the following link.

<https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

2 We request that you wear a face covering while you attend Mass.

3 Please sanitise your hands at as you enter and exit church

4 As you enter the church please scan the St Chad's QR Code for the NHS Track and Trace App. If you are not able to use this system but are unfortunate enough to test positive in the days following your attendance at church we would appreciate it if you could inform us and indicate where in church you were sitting.

5 There will no longer be allocated benches and all benches are in use. Social distancing of one metre between individuals/household bubbles, will not be enforced but we ask parishioners to keep this distance as much as possible. There will be "please leave a space" cards available as you come into church to place beside you to act as reminders to those sharing your bench.

The front two benches on the left side will be reserved for those with mobility issues and the two benches on the right will be reserved for the choir.

6 The holy water stoops will still not be in use.

7 The singing elements of the Mass by the congregation is now permitted but those doing so should be wearing a face covering. Hymn books and Mass books are not yet available but the words to the entrance and recessional hymns will be in the newsletter, available as you enter church.

8 The offertory collection will be taken via baskets set at the door of church.

9 Communion will revert to the old system of using the central aisle to queue, with each pew coming out in turn starting with the back pew on the right side working towards the front and then similar on the left. Please maintain a distance of 1 metre from the person in front of you. If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please come at the end of the line.

10 The toilets will now be available for use. Antibacterial wipes and hand sanitiser will be available in the toilets and we ask that anyone using the toilets wipes every surface they have touched after use.

11 We will return to the previous system of welcomers, with one welcomer being outside the main door to greet you as you enter. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer.

We hope in the coming months to safely reopen the hall and the parish activities associated with it.

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