

## **GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS**

Dear Parishioner

Please take a few minutes to read this information which has been designed for your safety within the confines of the church building. Thank you.

### **ENTERING CHURCH**

#### ***WEARING A FACE COVERING IS COMPULSORY AS YOU ENTER THE CHURCH***

It is a condition of entry that your name and contact number be provided to the stewards who will be in the entrance of church. Under the GDPR guidelines this information is for the sole purpose of track and trace and will be destroyed after 21 days.

Please sanitise your hands in the church porch before entering

For everyone's safety no one is allowed to enter the sacristy. If you wish to speak to Fr Adrian in person please ask one of the stewards and they will arrange it for you.

Only the priest will prepare everything for the Mass and this will be done with the utmost care and attention to hygiene.

### **SEATING ARRANGEMENTS IN CHURCH**

Please follow the stewards instructions as to where to sit in church. We have arranged the seating in the following ways, there will be blue markers on the benches to indicate where you can sit:-

The left hand aisle will be used for two members of the same household or bubble.

The centre aisle will be used for individual seating with 2 people per bench keeping a distance of 2m

The right hand aisle will be used for members of the same household or houses that have made a bubble. These benches can seat up to 5 members.

### **DURING MASS**

All hymn books, mass sheets, newsletters and other published materials have been removed from the church, you are welcome to bring your own missal, Magnificat, or use your own mobile applications for the readings during Mass. These must not be left in church.

Until further instruction is given on singing, there will be no congregational singing at mass.

There will be no offertory procession of the gifts of bread and wine to the altar.

There will be no sharing of the collection bag. Where possible, it is requested that donations to the church are made online or via standing order. Should this not be possible there is a box in front of Our Lady's Altar for your collection.

Members of the congregation must not exchange the sign of peace.

## **COMMUNION**

After the prayer response "Lord I am not worthy ...." Fr Adrian will hold up the host to the congregation and say audibly:

**"The Body of Christ" to which the people respond "Amen"**

Fr Adrian will then receive holy communion under both kinds using his own host and chalice.

Fr Adrian will instruct the congregation on the procedure for receiving holy communion.

People should wait in their benches until instructed by the stewards to move forward for holy communion

Please be aware of the regulations on social distancing as you make your way to the altar. The church floor has been marked accordingly.

When you approach the altar for holy communion please stand on the relevant floor markers.

To receive holy communion hold your arms out at full stretch so that there is a good distance between Fr Adrian and yourself. Palms facing upwards, one on top of the other, and extend as flat as possible.

Having received communion please return to your bench in an orderly manner as instructed by the stewards.

## **AFTER MASS**

Please leave the church respectfully and silently as guided by the stewards.

The toilets in the parish hall will be out of use and will be kept closed at all times.

Please note that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains dispensed.

The parish newsletter can be accessed from the parish website, or if you prefer to receive it by email please send your email address and make your request via the parish email:-

[priestflint@rcdwxm.org.uk](mailto:priestflint@rcdwxm.org.uk)

I look forward to welcoming you back. Fr Adrian