



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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Dear Parishioner,

ATTENDING MASS

We are delighted to announce that we will be resuming public Masses at St Bede's with effect from 1st August 2020, at the following times:

Saturday – 6pm

Sunday – 10am and 6pm

However, due to Covid-19 precautions, the numbers who will be able to attend will be greatly reduced to maintain social distancing. For this reason we will be introducing a booking system to ensure that we are able to accommodate all who arrive at church. You will need to email or phone to register your interest for a particular Mass. Responses will be issued, indicating whether you have a place, or whether we need to defer you to another Mass that weekend or to a particular Mass the following week.

Please note that the Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains suspended for the time being.

HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS

Send an email to croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk – with the words **MASS BOOKING** in title bar or phone **01923 445163**

State the following information:

Time and Date of Mass preferred

Number of people (couples / families / groups from same household or 'bubble', should apply as one booking, but please still state the number of people)

Applications must be made between 9am Monday and 6pm Wednesday every week

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

You will receive a response, letting you know whether you have been successful, or offering you a place at another Mass that weekend or a particular Mass the following week.

Places are very limited, so please do not book if you are unsure that you will be able to attend.

TRACK & TRACE / PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

In response to Government guidelines and for your safety, we are asking for your contact details so that individuals can be notified in the event of any suspected Covid-19 cases.

Although participation is not compulsory, we encourage your co-operation in accordance with the Government's guidance.

Successful applicants on email will, therefore, receive a Track & Trace slip, which can be printed off, completed and handed in at the entrance, when you attend Mass.

There will be paper copies available at the door for phone applicants, along with sanitised pens.

Any personal details provided will be stored securely for a period of 21 days, solely for the purpose of the Track & Trace system. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are included in the full Privacy Notice which can be found at www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

ATTENDING MASS

Attending Mass will be a very different experience for everyone, whilst we are coping with Covid-19. Hand sanitisers will be available at the entrance and exit and should be used unless you have used your own. You will be allocated a pew, a one-way system will be in place, and Holy Communion will be distributed as you are leaving at the end of Mass. Planned Giving envelopes and your donations can be placed in the designated baskets at the entrance and exit.

There will be a specific procedure for anyone wishing to light candles after Mass. Stewards will be on hand to guide you through to ensure everyone feels safe.

Toilet facilities will be open for use.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

We are very grateful to those who have already offered to help as volunteers. However, in order to achieve our goal of manning 3 Masses per week, we will need the following volunteers on a rota basis. **A lack of volunteers may result in having to reduce the number of Masses we can offer.** Please do consider offering your services in one of the following ways:

Steward

Required to arrive 30 minutes before Mass, carry out a specific cleaning procedure, then monitor the entrance, exit and main body of the church during Mass. Training, cleaning materials and personal protective equipment will be provided.

Eucharistic Ministers

Sadly, those who fall into the '70 and above' category will no longer be able to distribute the Eucharist, so we are urgently appealing to the younger members of the parish who would consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister. Training and Commissioning will be provided.

Readers

Our existing Readers are invited to return, provided they feel comfortable and are in good health. The '70 and above' rule does not apply to Readers, as they will not be in close contact with anyone, and we will ensure the lectern and any materials used are sanitised and safe.

Please do let us know if you can assist in any of these ways.

Contact: stbede185@gmail.com or Ursula (01923 445163).

Please do not volunteer as a STEWARD or EUCHARISTIC MINISTER if you fall into any of these categories.

70 years of age and above

Specific pre-existing health conditions

Self-isolating or shielding

HEALTH & SAFETY

We are requesting visitors to church to wear face coverings.

Government guidance suggests that wearing a face covering does not protect you. However, it continues that the best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus, helping to protect others.

The Government's guidance also says that face coverings should not be used in certain instances, including:

- not being able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability;
- by children under the age of 11;
- by those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly; and
- where wearing/removing a face covering would cause the user severe distress.

When receiving Communion, please remove your face covering safely and hygienically:

- only handle the straps, ties or clips; and
- use hand sanitiser once removed.

Please do not attend Mass if you are displaying any signs of Covid-19, or are at risk due to advancing age or health issues. Government guidance states that such people are currently advised not to attend.

Those in the '70 and above' category are welcome to attend at their own discretion.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

With blessings and best wishes

Fr John Wiley
Parish Priest