

Enabling Public Mass on Sundays and other days - Information for volunteers

As you will have heard, from 4 July the regulations allow for the public celebration of Mass and other acts of worship in our churches. This is only possible if the necessary safety precautions are observed.

We want to enable as many people as possible to attend Mass. To manage the building (which means ensuring a safe number of people are inside, and managing the expectations of those who come but cannot be allowed in) means that at each Mass we need a team of FOUR people.

To enable three Masses at each church on a Sunday, on a two-week rota so as not to overburden volunteers, needs a team of 48 people at the minimum. Of course, the more people available, the easier the job.

After each Mass there is also a need for basic cleaning of the church.

What will a steward do: Volunteers will need to be able to engage as necessary with people wanting to come into the church building, to monitor the total number of people in church, to ensure they know how a socially-distanced church works, and maybe to explain that they church is at full capacity, and they can't attend Mass at that time. Stewards will also need to help people sit in the proper places in church. It is potentially a little awkward, which is why a team is vital.

Who can be a Volunteer Steward? These must be:

- Aged between 18 - 69 years
- Not from any group classed as clinically vulnerable (specific pre-existing health conditions, self-isolating or shielding).
- Able to commit to a 1 hour period only on any given day. (For individual safety and because there will be no toilet facilities other than a place to wash hands).
- Able to commit to helping in either church as the need arises.

Hopefully the Stewards can also undertake some simple cleaning after Mass. Again, this would be for a limited session because no toilet facilities can be made available at present. Everything will be undertaken with as much care for individual safety as is possible.

Can you help? If so please email to harrowsouth@rcdow.org.uk

We will need the following information in your email:

1. Your name
2. Your address
3. Your email contact address
4. Your telephone contact number
5. What role you are offering help with: steward or only cleaning.
6. Which days of the week can you help with.
7. What times of day you can be available.

Thank you for reading this. Making these plans will be complicated. Please bear with the clergy as we sort it out!