



Welcome back to Our Lady's church for private prayer

To ensure you can come to the church for private prayer and be safe we have some guidelines we need you to follow. Anyone is welcome to come, whatever age, but if you should have any symptoms of the virus we ask that you do not come until you are clear. This may seem very detailed but we are following government guidelines and the risk assessment sent to us by the Diocese to make sure we minimise the chance of any infection being spread.

1. The church will be open for private prayer initially from **15th June – 28th June** from **4.30pm – 6pm**. From 29th June we will be open from 10.30am – 12pm Monday-Friday and 11am-12.30pm on Sunday. You can stay in the church as long as you like within the opening time.

2. Take care to park carefully maintaining 2m from anyone else in the car park so maintaining the social distancing requirements (SDR)

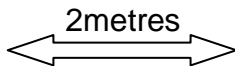


3. Please come to the church with a



face covering and gloves to wear in the building.

4. If there are other people entering the church please maintain 2m distance from anyone in front of you.



5. The porch doors and church doors will be open so you do not need to touch them. Should you need it alcohol gel will be available in the porch



6. You will be greeted by a steward in the porch who will direct you to a seat in the church. People coming from the same household should sit in a pew together.

7. Only half the church will be available for seating (this will be alternated each day to facilitate the daily cleaning required). Every other pew is blocked off and there is tape down the centre to ensure SDR. You should go up the centre aisle or side aisle as directed by the steward to the first available pew nearest to the front. There are chairs in front of the pews which can be used by single people. There will be 13 pews and 5 single chairs available to use. Each pew can accommodate either a single person or one household group i.e. people who live together in the same household. When all pews or seats are filled, we will operate a one out – one in system (similar to supermarkets over the past 3 months) See flow of movement diagram overleaf.


8. Please sit in the pew and do not use the kneeler. These have been taped up to stop use so that we can maintain SDR and to eliminate the need to clean the kneelers.



9. You can bring written prayer intentions with you and drop them into the basket on your way in. These will be transferred to the prayer intention book which will be on the altar daily at Mass.

10. No votive candles are available at this time. The parish library is also out of action.

11. Being mindful of those who want to pray quietly we request that there be no chatting whilst in the church – any conversations with your friends should be outside of the church whilst maintaining SDR.

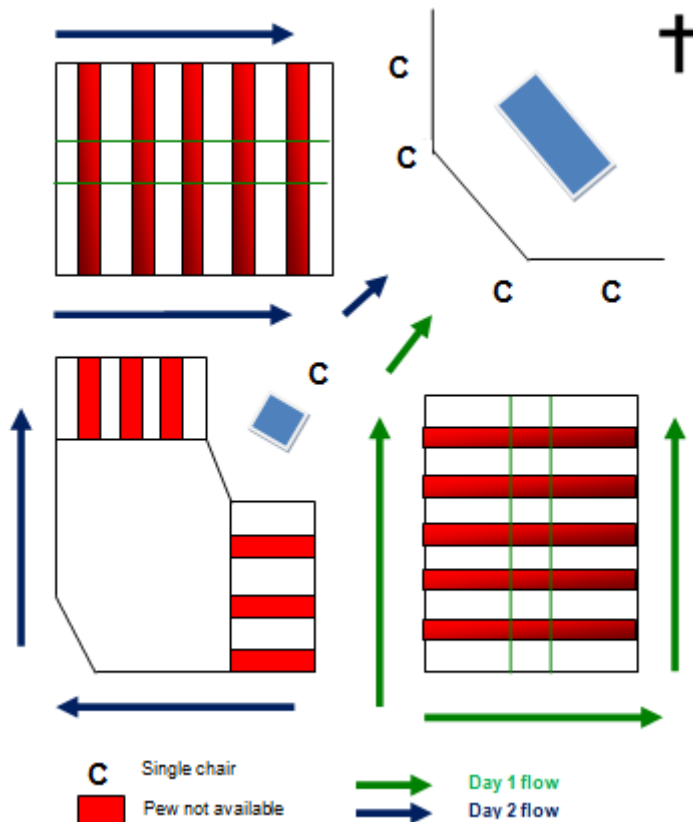
12. There are no toilets  available for parishioner use at this time and the hall is closed.

13. Please maintain SDR as you exit the church and be aware of other who may be exiting near you.

14. After the church is closed each day a cleaning team will come and wash the pews with hot water and detergent and then they will be sprayed with anti-bac spray and wiped down again. The next day that side of the church will rest and the other side will be opened.



Flow of movement in church



Thank you for your help and understanding at this time. If there is anything that is not clear please contact Trish Bonnett on 07801 752141 or at trishbonnett@rcdow.org.uk

God bless you and keep you safe and well.