

ST. CHAD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SOUTH NORWOOD

GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING THE CHURCH FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

1. The **OBLIGATION** to attend Mass on Sunday is still **SUSPENDED** until further notice (Bishops' Conference of England and Wales).
2. Attending any weekday Mass is SUFFICIENT at the moment
3. (Bishops' Conference of England and Wales).
4. Mass offerings and/or your generous donations, including the Gift Aid envelopes can be submitted either on a Sunday or during any of the weekday Masses. Collection baskets will be placed at the entrance and exit points of the Church and carefully monitored by our trusted stewards. Online offering/donation is preferable, especially through Standing Order. Please contact the parish office on 02086532806 or Gerard Quattara on 0797698872 to request for the parish bank details.
5. WE HAVE NOT RETURNED TO THE PREVIOUS NORMAL WAYS OF CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS BEFORE THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC.
6. Please do not come to the Church if you are feeling unwell.
7. Pre-booked Mass form is available on the parish website. (www.saintchads.org) Completing the form and choosing the time for the Mass you would like to attend is precondition for weekend Masses.
8. **Keep to the 2m rule while in the Church and wearing of face cover is compulsory but you need to come with your own face cover**, and 1m+ where people from the same household are concerned.
9. Hand sanitiser units are installed at the entrance and exit points of the Church. Please sanitise your hands before you enter the Church and before you go out.
10. There are visible signs and vital information at the entrance and exit to guide you. Please obey the instructions and do NOT ARGUE with the stewards who are there to help you.
11. SINGING in the Church is SUSPENDED until further notice.
12. **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL** is equally **SUSPENDED** until further notice (Bishops' Conference of England and Wales).
13. HOLY COMMUNION will be distributed in one kind and in SILENCE with no dialogue between the minister and the communicant.
14. For the meantime, only one Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist will be needed to help at each weekend Mass if there is only one priest celebrant.
15. Times for weekend Masses: Saturday 6:30pm; Sunday; 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30 am 1:00pm and 6:00pm. Weekday Masses time remain the same 9:30am.
16. Church doors will open at least 10 minutes to time as soon as the Church is thoroughly cleaned, sanitised and ready for use after each Mass.
17. Please DO NOT leave any used printed material in the Church after Mass. You either put those in the bin or you take them home with you.
18. **Volunteering Stewards/ushers and cleaners** will be provided with PPE for their personal safety and the safety of others.
19. **Please leave the Church as soon as the Mass is ended** to give enough time to the cleaners to sanitise the Church for the next Mass. You are encouraged **NOT** to gather around the Church premises after Mass.
20. For now, **ONLY** the priests, Sacristans and Altar Servers are allowed in the Sacristy until further notice.
21. **ONLY Two** altar servers will be required for each Mass for now until further notice.
22. **ONLY** the priests will access the **TABERNACLE** until further notice

23. Readers/Lectors will be provided with **SINGLE-USE HAND GLOVES**. They should avoid touching the microphones, Lectern (or ambo) or the lectionary during the Liturgy of the Word, apart from turning the page (BCEW).
24. Readers/Lectors will come from pews to read and go back
25. ONLY one reader will be assigned to proclaim the Word of God at each Mass.
26. Going by the 2m social distancing rule, the maximum capacity the Church can accommodate at a time is 36 people. This number (36) could double up to 72 people if two people from the same household each were to attend Mass at the same time. Members of the same household are not expected to observe the 2m social distancing rule among themselves.
27. The doors of the Church will be closed as soon as the maximum capacity of the Church is reached.
28. Chris and Angie Henley have generously offered to receive telephone calls through 07309750996 between 5:00 and 7:00 pm from those who have access to the internet and to help pre-book the Mass for them if possible.

Fr. Bartholomew Zubeviel
Parish priest