

Welcome to St Chad's

Thank you for coming to spend a while in private prayer.

For everyone's safety and to allow the church to stay open, the Government, Bishop John and I are insisting that the following rules are adhered to when the church is open for private prayer (no group or 'led' worship is permitted, currently).

Please follow these rules to avoid being infected and to avoid infecting others. Please do not think that you can adjust these rules 'if you are being careful.' Or for any other reason.

- 1) Please listen to the stewards, they are there to help keep everyone as safe as possible
- 2) Sanitise hands
 - a) on entry to church (Porch) and again
 - b) on exit (nr Sacred Heart Altar)
- 3) Please follow directions through church, moving always from the back towards the front, (except when you are sitting / kneeling in a bench!) and don't retrace your steps
- 4) Maintain Social Distancing 2m
- 5) Do not pass anyone in an aisle or confined space.
- 6) Available spaces are clearly marked with a sheet of paper. This means no-one has sat there since it was last cleaned. Please do not sit anywhere where there is no paper and only use one place. Spaces are often available on the other end of the benches.
- 7) You must sit there alone or with members of your household.
- 8) Please be careful not to touch anything except the bench where you sit/kneel. Doors will be open (hopefully), there is no water in the font, there are no printed materials available.
- 9) Veneration of statues must **not** involve touching them
- 10) When you go, take the sheet of paper which was on your seat and put it in the bin where you sanitise your hands on exit. (Sacred Heart Altar). This will show that that bench has been occupied.
- 11) No toilet facilities will be available.
- 12) If you bring children, they too must follow these rules exactly as adults do. It will be very hard for some children but the virus does not make allowance for that so neither can we - however kind we would like to be.
- 13) Unless you can be sure that your children can and will, sanitise their hands, move in the specified direction, stay in one bench and refrain from touching anything else - it is unfair, on them and everyone else to bring them to the church.
 - a) Perhaps create a little 'Holy Place' in your home' which can meet their needs more effectively than a very negative visit to the church.

Having said all that I hope that your visit is a happy reunion with the church. In spite of everything, a haven where you can encounter, for a while, the holiness of God. This might be more true of subsequent visits when the routine is more familiar, and so, less intrusive.

Fr Bartholomew