



Welcome Home

After weeks and weeks of not being able to come to church...
...finally we could.

34 people arrived at different times between 2.00pm and 6.00pm on
Saturday, 20th June 2020.

The Blessed Sacrament was exposed in the church and people of St
Chad's came to worship Jesus, to spend time in His presence. To adore
and to be blessed. To pray quietly, individually for their loved ones, for
the world and for themselves.

There were rules to be followed – '2m', 'Please don't touch', 'This Way',
'Sanitise' – but these were minor distractions. St Chad's is still St Chad's,
the church is the church. The Blessed Sacrament is Jesus present among
us, now and always.

The people who came were glad to be back, they were respectful of the
presence of Jesus, and grateful to be allowed to greet Him.

People followed the rules and kept themselves and others safe. They
came in by the end (ramp) doors and left by the fire doors. They sat,
alone on a clean bench and no-one else sat there until it had been
cleaned again.

At 6.00pm people left, Father reposed the Blessed Sacrament – no
Benediction, as specified by the Diocesan regulations.

Then the cleaners moved in and cleaned every bench and door-handles,
anywhere that might possibly have been touched.

The church had been thoroughly cleaned, and had been prepared to
comply with the Risk Assessment - approved by the Diocesan authorities.

Ready for next Saturday.

Maybe see you then.

This report was written by the stewards of the day and approved by the
priests of St. Chad's.