

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS RE THE OPENING OF CHURCH FOR MASS

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- Stay at home if you feel unwell in any way and/or have a temperature and continue to participate in Mass through “live streams”
- The Sunday Obligation remains suspended, if you feel uneasy in a large crowd stay at home and continue to participate in Mass through “live streams”
- If you are 70 or medically vulnerable please use good judgement to decide when it is best for you to return to Mass
- For the time being Mass will take place on Saturday evenings (Vigil) 6.30pm (arriving from 6pm) and Sunday mornings 11am (arriving from 10.30am)
- Please bring your own face covering/mask to wear inside our church
- **You must** telephone Pat & Peter on 0161 330 1735 to book your place at the Mass you wish to attend, this is so we have a record of names & contact details that will be kept for Track & Trace purposes

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- In line with social distancing regulations St. Peter's & St. Raphael's can accommodate a maximum of 52 parishioners
- When you arrive you will be greeted by our team of stewards who will help guide you through the procedure, please follow their directions to keep everyone safe
- You may have to join a queue, so please observe the 2 metre social distancing
- Once inside our church your face covering **must be worn** at all times
- Entry will be via the main double doors
- Sanitise your hands in the entrance porch as directed by the steward
- There will be no passing of baskets for offertory collection so please place your offering in the basket provided in the porch on entry or exit; preferably no coinage even if this means your contributions are bi-weekly or monthly
- Observe social distancing once inside at all times
- Stewards will direct you to your allocated seat (these will be clearly marked), please **do not move** once seated. It may not be possible for you to sit where you would normally do
- The toilets **will not** be available
- No unnecessary items should be brought with you – toys, food, bulky bags

DURING MASS

- Maintain social distancing in your seat, stay 2 metres away from other visitors
- Practice good cough and sneeze etiquette at all times
- There will be no access to the side/main altars, no votive candles can be lit
- There will be no hymn/mass books, paper newsletter or newspapers
- There will be no singing/choir, readers or Eucharistic Ministers at this time
- There will be no passing of the offertory collection basket
- There will be no physical sign of peace

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

- By minimising the movement and crossing over of visitors we will minimise the risk of spreading the virus, consequently Communion will be given at the end of Mass
- Leave your seat only when directed by the steward
- Maintain the 2 metre social distancing in the Communion line and when walking out of church
- Fr Philip will wear a face covering/visor when distributing Communion
- Communion will be at the end of Mass, under one kind and in the hand only. If by accident your hands are touched with Fr Philip you must both sanitise your hands straight away
- Follow the direction of the stewards to leave the church using the designated exit

AFTER MASS

- Sanitise your hands in the porch as you leave
- Once outside you can remove your face covering, taking it home to dispose of properly
- There will be no paper parish newsletter at the moment but a smaller version will be available on our website stpetersandstraphaels.org
- **Do not** congregate outside the church