

# Important Notice for Parishioners Attending Mass

St Mary's Woolhampton, St Bernadette's Pangbourne & St Luke's Theale

## Please read carefully

For Mass to be celebrated SAFELY during the Covid-19 crisis it is essential that the following criteria and operating methods are followed **without fail**. If there are any transgressions then NHS Test & Trace are likely to put the entire congregation into 15-day Self Isolation **including the Priest**, in the event that any attendee falls ill with the virus in the period following Mass attendance.

- Booking for the specific Mass will be necessary (details in Bulletins).
- Social distancing of at least 2m must be observed in the car park and in the queue into church and out after Mass.
- There may be Temperature measurement before entry to the church by a steward using non-contact infra-red technology. If anyone has an elevated temperature they **MUST** not enter the church. Anyone with any Covid-19 symptoms should **NOT** attend church in any case.
- The church seating has been re-arranged to ensure more than 2 metre separation between individuals or household groups.
- The routes into and out of church are clearly marked.
- Everyone entering must clean their hands using the gel provided.
- **ALL PERSONS** will be escorted by a steward to their seat which will be allocated to fill the church from the front first to minimise any possible passing contact. The Reader may be in a specific seat to allow ready access to the microphone. Otherwise people will be seated *as they arrive*.
- All persons/household groups must provide their name and telephone or e-mail address for the steward to record where they sat during the Mass. This is in case of need by NHS Test & Trace.
- **FACE MASKS** must be worn (unless medical reason for not doing so) to protect others present from possible sneezing. Gloves are optional.
- To minimise potential spread of viral particles, there will be **NO** handouts, no hymn or mass books, no votive candles, no singing, no normal collection, toilets will be closed (Mass generally less than 45minutes), no kneeling (sitting only), no use of Community Rooms (ie no coffee etc).
- Unfortunately this also means no less-than-2m greeting of friends and persons in need in the community. All Halls/Rooms will be closed.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in a special way with **NO** queueing and on the way out of church. Belongings will have to be taken out at this time.
- **PLEASE** attend to the Stewards, they are there to make it all safe for the rest of us.

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