

# COMING TO CHURCH

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We are following the guidance sent to us by The Conference of Bishops and our Diocese about how to have Mass safely now we are in Step 4.

As per the guidance, the first thing we will consider is the prevailing local conditions, this will be reviewed on a weekly basis. This will include the rates people are being vaccinated, the prevalence of new variants and the local rates of hospital admissions and any local public health advice.

## **Coming to Mass**

When you come to Mass the following mitigations remain in place:

- You will still need to wear a mask – unless exempt
- You will still need to use hand sanitiser on arrival
- You will still need to sign in using the NHS Qr Code or by leaving your name and number with the Welcomes
- We will still have stewarding during Communion.
  - ◊ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may be used if the mass is particularly busy.
  - ◊ Both the Priest and Extraordinary Minister will wear masks and sanitise their hands before Communion, and if they touch anyone they will sanitise again)
- There will continue to be no formal Sign of Peace.
- The church will be ventilated and our welcomers will still be using the 'fogger' after services

## **Social Distancing**

As we still want our church to be a place where people feel safe to gather to worship, and we are aware that some people are still worried about close contact, we have introduced **"Please Leave A Space"** cards. People can pick these up on entry into the church and put beside them so that a so a space can be left to allow for distancing. Please respect these cards and do not move them or sit where they are placed - in some cases they may just be beside someone, and in others they may also be in the rows in front and behind.

Please speak to a Welcomes if you need help to find somewhere safe to sit.

**We are very grateful to the Welcomes - we would not be able to have Mass, and keep each other safe without their help. Please continue to follow their directions as we create a safe environment for people to come and worship.**

***Thank you as always for your support!***