

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

What do you mean by 'private prayer'?

Individuals may come to church to pray. Mass and Confessions will still not be available in church. There will be a 15 minute time limit on a person's time in church if there is a queue outside, to enable as many people as possible, the chance to come and pray.

Can I come with my friend or family?

People from the same family or household may come together and sit next to each other. If you are not from the same household, you must sit separately, observing the 2m social distancing rule. Seats will be shown to you by the Stewards.

Can I just turn up at church?

Yes, but there will be set times and days. Currently our church is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

You may have to queue outside, as the Diocese has advised that a maximum of 10 people (excluding stewards) are to be allowed in at any one time.

Do I need to wear a mask or gloves?

It is entirely up to you! The Diocese **have not stipulated** that visitors must wear any PPE. Please be reassured that all surfaces (handles, kneelers, seats etc) will be thoroughly cleaned at the beginning and at the end of each 1.0 hour prayer session, with appropriate cleaning materials.

Visitors will be asked to wipe down the seat and handrail they have used with wipes provided and adhere to the 2m social distancing rule whilst in church and follow the one-way system.

Visitors will also be asked to clean their hands using the hand sanitizer gel provided, on entering and leaving the church.

Will I be able to use the toilets whilst in church?

No, unfortunately access to all the facilities (toilets, kitchen etc) will be closed to the public.

Can I light a candle?

A limited number of votive candles will be available to light from a candle already alight. Please ensure that if someone is lighting a candle and you need to pass by them, that you maintain the 2m social distancing rule.

We are hoping that over the next couple of months, these rules will be able to be relaxed a little and more people will be able to come to church. We will keep you posted on any changes that we are made aware of.