

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

From 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Churches will be able to open for public Mass subject to the following guidance:



At least one metre distance between people at all times



Stewards should be placed on the door to manage the flow of people in and out



Limit numbers based on capacity with 1m between seats



Provide hand sanitiser at the entrance, and clean the church between Masses.



People to be encouraged to wear facemasks during Mass



No Hymn books or shared materials; instruct readers to avoid touching the Lectionary

## LITURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS

The following general norms are to be observed when celebrating public Masses:



Avoid all physical contact: suspend the sign of peace



No congregational singing: use cantors and the organ only.



No offertory procession: bring the gifts from the credence table



No offertory collection; take donations in a specific place (i.e. a basket in the centre aisle)



The Priest should wash his own hands at the Lavabo



Except during communion: the priest should **not** wear a mask

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

The following general instructions for Holy Communion should be observed at all public Masses:



Only the priest should distribute communion.



Only the priest should consume the celebrant's host



The precious blood should not be distributed to the people



The people should line up single file for communion



Hands must be sanitised both before and after distributing communion



A one-way system should be marked to maintain the 1m distance during communion.

## ON THE MANNER OF GIVING AND RECEIVING COMMUNION

### GLOVES

The priest may not wear gloves to distribute communion. He should sanitise his hands before and after distributing communion and wear a mask. The people should not wear gloves to receive communion.

### SELF-COMMUNICATION

The laity should not be asked to self-communicate, or to take from the ciborium themselves. Instead the priest (with sanitised hands) should distribute in the normal way, taking care to avoid physical contact.

### RECEIVING COMMUNION

The people should be encouraged to receive communion in the hand, but if they wish to receive communion on the tongue they must receive last and be encouraged to avoid physical contact (e.g. by kneeling/opening their mouths)

**NB.** Those presenting with Coronavirus symptoms, or who have been in contact with someone with symptoms should be instructed to stay at home.