

Dear Parishioners,

From today 4th July, we resume celebration of masses in our church, this is very welcome news for all of us. However, this must be done in a way that ensures the risks of virus transmission are minimised. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing and cleaning.

Saturday/ Sunday and weekday Mass times will remain unchanged.

Saturday 9.00am & 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am & 11.00am, 12.30pm (polish)

Weekday mass Monday to Friday at 8.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday is temporary suspended

Please be reminded of the following guidance:

If you or a member of your household have any the symptoms of Covid-19, you should stay at home, please do not come to the church. It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended"

Where possible the 2 metre social distancing requirements should be applied. It is possible to go to '1 metre with risk mitigation' where, and only where, '2 metres is not viable'. For a church, if people are to be spaced more closely than 2 metres apart, there would need to be the compulsory face wearing of face coverings.

Please note face covering is compulsory at La Salette church throughout mass celebration from 4th July.

1. If you are a Family or live in the same household you are not required to a social distancing. Please fill up pews row by row starting from the front in an orderly fashion so we can maintain social distancing and ensure that we can safely seat maximum number of people. You must arrive in good time before mass starts to minimise disruption. Following social distancing maximum capacity at La Salette is 150 people.

2. As you enter the church please sanitize your hands and if you haven't done so put on your face mask or covering.

3. Most sanitisers contain alcohol which can ignite when exposed to an ignition source. Allow a full minute to pass after sanitising hands before wiping the hands with a disposable tissue before lighting candles.

3. The Guidance stresses that singing is to be 'specifically avoided. Please refrain from singing throughout the liturgy.

4. Mass/ Hymn books will not be available for use during Mass.

6. No altar servers will be needed since gifts will be kept at the altar area. The lectors will be seated at their designated at the sanctuary during the Mass. There will not be a procession with the gifts and offertory collection.

7. The sign of peace will be shared without physical contact.

8. Many people have experienced financial hardship during lockdown and face uncertain future with their employment. Our parish has also experienced the challenge of reduced finances. We thank you for the offering you give. Collection baskets will be kept at the entrance of the church rather than passed during the Mass. Thank you for your generous support.

9. Toilets will be closed. Please make sure you go to the toilet before you come to Mass

Holy Communion

The Communion procession will be in one line ONLY in the middle with a celebrant and Eucharist Minister giving out the Holy Communion. Social distancing must be maintained in the church at all times. Communicants should come one row at a time beginning with the first row. Please hold your arms at full length and have your palms flat so that the priest or a Minister can place the Body of Christ onto your palm for you to consume reverently. Holy communion will be given in silence. If you are not receiving Holy Communion, you also must come up to the front and follow the people to exit the church. In this way people you will not have to step over or pass close to people as they go up to receive Holy Communion.

Having received Holy Communion, communicants immediately leave the Church by the side aisles

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from 8.30am-9.00am and 5.30pm-6.00pm. Following a strict hygiene and observance of social distancing it will be offered in the reconciliation room as normal. All parish activities other than celebration of Masses will remain suspended at this time until further notice.

Church cleaning

The church must be cleaned and disinfected after Mass and particular attention must be paid to those surfaces which are frequently touched by multiple people e.g. door handles, hand rails, pews etc. We ask for volunteers to help us with a light cleaning after each mass. It's essential part of the diocesan guidance for church safe reopening. Please let us know if you can help and forward this information to any you think might be willing to help. Cleaners should not be from the vulnerable group.

No weekly newsletter until further notice, mass intentions are displayed in the porch

These circumstances are unprecedented, and we **appreciate your understanding and patience** as we work hard to ensure the safety of all people who will gather again in the presence of Jesus, truly present to us in His living word and Holy Communion at La Salette Church.

Fr Mariusz Fura MS