

# OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **BOOKING A SPACE TO ATTEND MASS**

The Bishop has decreed that we must ask people to register in advance and book a space at Mass. You will be able to do this online, from our parish website. For those who do not have internet access, there will be a number of spaces reserved that can be booked by phoning the presbytery (01943 462146) between 4.00pm and 7.00 pm

Our church has an allocated number of spaces on line (35) which will hold up to a designated number of people from the same household. You will book 1 space (ticket) for each of your family members who will be attending. Once you have booked, you will receive an email confirming your place. Once each Mass is full, no more bookings will be available. You will need to book a space each week. If you do not book in advance, you will not be able to attend Mass. Please pass this information on to as many parishioners as you can, as not everyone will be reading the online bulletin.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

MANY MORE volunteers are needed. We have barely enough for the Masses that we can cover and this involves the same handful of people each week! We cannot do this without you, so please get in touch and volunteer. The good news is that we have now been told that we CAN use the services of people over 70 who are otherwise in good health

**STEWARDS** will be required to arrive 30 minutes before the start of Mass, to control queues, advise people what to do and where to sit. They will also be needed to assist with controlled exit after Mass. We will need 3 stewards for each Mass.

**CLEANERS** will be needed to sanitise the benches after each Mass. So that this does not take too long, we will need 4 cleaners at each Mass.

## **WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?**

Due to the restrictions necessary to control any infection, things will be very different for a while to come. Like shops etc, people will be allowed into the churches one household at a time. You will be asked to sanitise your hands and then go to sit down. The benches are clearly marked where you can sit and where you can't, in order to maintain 2m distance from others. (Although the Government has said that this can be reduced to 1m, this is only possible if people wear face masks or have a screen between them, so for now we will keep

the 2m distance.) In order to easily see when the church is full and we will ask you to fill in from the front of the church as directed by the stewards. (We know that you all have your own place but it's not going to be possible for the moment.) There will be no singing for now –this involves exhaling more than speaking, increasing the potential risk. We will not be able to have Altar Servers, as this involves touching the things that the priest will then touch. The collection baskets will be at the doorways (watched carefully by our Stewards!) rather than being passed round. Unfortunately, our toilets are out of bounds for now, except in an emergency. The back of the Church has been cleared of all leaflets, Mass sheets etc. Please do not leave anything in Church when you leave.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

As we cannot maintain social distancing easily while moving around the church, Communion will be distributed immediately after the Final Blessing, as you leave Church. This will be done in a controlled manner to avoid contact with each other. You will be asked to extend your hands at full arm's length to receive the Blessed Sacrament, in order to maximise the distance between yourself and the priest/Eucharistic Minister. This will be done in a respectful silence – the Minister will not say “The Body of Christ” and you should not say “Amen”. Communion will be distributed only under one kind and on the hand.

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

We are working towards being able to celebrate one Mass each day in our parish. Once again, volunteers will be needed to act as stewards and cleaners. Times of Masses will be published on the website once we know we have sufficient stewards available.