



St Joseph's Catholic Church

Arkell Avenue, Carterton, OXON OX18 3BS

**Masses in a Time of Covid-19
Re-opening for Public Worship.**

Please follow instructions from the Stewards.

St Joseph's will re-open for Mass from the weekend of 18/19 July. This will replace opening for daily prayer, which began on 26 June. Since the church needs to be thoroughly cleaned after each Mass, the church will not open at all on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. I hope that this closure will be of short duration. Masses will initially be:

Sat 6.00pm: Sun 10.00am: Tue 6.30pm: Thu 6.30pm

FACE COVERING:

You must please wear a face covering over your nose and mouth, which can be homemade or improvised. You must please also use the hand sanitiser provided by the Stewards when entering and exiting the church. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be suspended. In addition, if there is any reason why you should not mix with others, please remain at home. Let me know and it may be possible to bring you the Sacraments at your doorstep. It would be helpful if those of you free to attend on Tuesday or Thursday evenings would do so, instead of coming on Saturday or Sunday, since owing to social distancing, the capacity in the church is reduced. Only about 20 will be permitted and about 20 in the hall, where there is now an audio-visual link on the screen. This makes only 40 in total.

AT HOLY COMMUNION:

The Blessed Sacrament will be brought to you in your pew, distributed under one kind on you hand, since receiving from the chalice is still restricted. Singing is not permitted at this time owing to increased risk of infection.

TOILETS:

There will be NO TOILET FACILITIES. The reason for this is that at present the whole toilet block must be cleaned after each use, and we do not have adequate resources for this. In an emergency, it may be essential to use them, but please use your own facilities before coming to Mass. We continue to appeal for stewards, whose supervising role at Mass is even more important than for private prayer in view of numbers. So, if you are below 70 years of age please do volunteer your help if you can.

Summary

Masses resume 18/19 July 2020

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm.
Sunday 10.00 am.
Tues & Thurs 6.30pm.

Attendees must:

Wear a mask.

Remain 1 metre + apart.
Sanitise hands on entering and exiting the Church.

Follow the signs.

Listen to the stewards.

During Mass No...

Altar servers.

Readers.

Children's liturgy.

Eucharistic ministers.

Offertory procession.

Physical sign of peace.

Chalice distribution.

Parish missals or hymn books.

Singing.

Collection baskets.

Congregating outside.

Holy Communion:

Remain in seats.

Receive in silence by hand only.

Please Note:

The Church will be disinfected after each Liturgy.

All parish meetings and ministry events remain suspended until further notice.

Please stay at home if...

You may have a pre-existing condition or are immune-compromised.

You are feeling ill.

You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid 19.

You have a sick family member at home.