

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH, OXFORD

PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS

Sundays at 9am, 11am and 6.30pm.

Monday to Wednesday and Friday, 9.15am; Saturday 10am

SATURDAY 6pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Wheatley, Vigil Mass.

1 The overall priority remains - to keep everyone safe and to ensure that we do not pass any viruses on to others. Those who have been shielding and those with underlying health conditions are encouraged not to come to Church. The Sunday Obligation remains suspended; live-streaming at Corpus Christi continues as normal.

2 Entry to Corpus Christi will be through the Hall porch doors. The maximum number of people permitted to come into the Church is 60.

3 EVERYONE coming to Mass must wear a face covering and sanitise their hands on arrival. There are now automatic gel dispensers in the Porch.

4 Track and Trace: You are asked to bring a slip of paper with your name and phone number and place it in the box provided. Slips will be sealed, dated, and kept for 21 days before being destroyed.

5 Families, of course, may be together in the pews. Others must keep the social distancing of 1 metre plus. If the Church reaches its capacity for social distancing (as signposted), the volunteer stewards will not permit any further entry. If people wish to stay, the gate to the back garden of the Presbytery will be open. People are welcome to come into the garden and hear Mass through the open windows of the Church.

6 There will be no singing.

7 The Mass will proceed as usual. The Readers will proclaim the Readings as usual but must wear plastic disposable gloves. There will be no Bidding Prayers.

8 Fr. Mervyn will receive Holy Communion as usual and then recite the Final Prayer and give the Blessing.

9 Holy Communion will be distributed at the very end of Mass by Fr. Mervyn as people leave through the Exit - which is the main door of the Church. They are advised to go straight out of the Church area as soon as they have received Holy Communion. We are not allowed to stand around and greet one another in the normal manner.

10 Holy Communion is allowed to be distributed only in the Hand and cannot be received on the tongue. This rule has no exceptions.

11 Fr Mervyn will stand behind a table at the exit. Each communicant must hold their arms and hands "at full stretch". The priest cannot say "The Body of Christ" and the communicant cannot say "Amen" OUT-LOUD but, of course, we do so in our hearts.

12 We might find such guidelines intrusive but they have to be obeyed. We thank the Lord that we have reached this stage, but of course, it is always reversible depending on the situation.