

CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021

1. Please take a considered decision as to whether to attend Sunday Mass or the Christmas Mases, based on your own circumstances and those of your family, especially If you are vulnerable or are waiting to have your booster, which I would encourage everyone to do.
2. Mass bookings at this time are not being introduced. The 5.00pm Vigil is usually attended by families with young children and can be busy, so again anyone who is vulnerable or concerned should consider other Masses or streaming Masses. (Although families with very small children that may run around may want to stream at home).
3. The Christmas day morning Mases, 8.30am & 10.00am would be recommended for those concerned as they are not as busy as the Christmas eve Masses. Please remember all Masses will be streamed.
4. Face coverings must be worn and cover your mouth and nose, by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption, or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time.
5. Please use the hand sanitiser as you enter the Church.
6. A lateral flow test is advised before Mass and Christmas Masses. If you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 you should stay at home and not come to church or participate in person.
7. We need to ensure that there is good ventilation in the building. So please if any parishioners see the windows are closed, please can you open them for Fr John, the window pole is outside the sacristy door. Because of the windows and doors being open we advise you to wrap up when attending Mass. Many thanks.
8. The variant's viral transmission is through aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. The strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary.
9. We cannot allow anyone to stand at the back of the Church, so once Mass is full anyone else will have to return home.
10. Above all, we want our parishioners to stay safe at this uncertain time and hope that in the new year things will be better.