

**St. Cadoc's R.C. Church**  
**The Celebration of Mass**  
**for the duration of COVID-19**  
**April 2021**

**TIMES OF MASSES**

Saturday at 10am & Vigil at 5pm  
Sunday at 10.00am, 12 Noon & 4pm

Monday & Thursday at 6.30pm.  
Wednesday at 10am

May I remind you that if you have any symptoms of Coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms, please stay at home.

**Ticket Allocation for Mass during COVID-19**

All who wish to attend Mass during the period of COVID-19 *simply turn up in the hope that a place is available. Contact details will be requested (Name, address & telephone number) for Track and Trace purposes.*

***THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE PERMITTED IN THE CHURCH FOR PUBLIC MASS IS 100, INCLUSIVE OF CHILDREN.***  
***(For Funerals and Weddings the maximum number permitted is 50; for Baptisms it is 30).***

If it is not possible for you to attend Mass, for whatever reason:

***PLEASE KNOW THAT THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS  
HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.***

Those who are shielding should not come to Mass until advised it is safe to do so by the Scottish Government. Those who are in other vulnerable groups should follow Scottish Government advice when making the decision to come to Mass.

At St Cadoc's we are follow to the letter the guidance of the First Minister and the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. I am confident that all that has been done will encourage proper social distancing and keep everyone safe. For your part, all I ask is this:

- that you arrive early for Mass;
- that you have your face mask on when you enter church grounds;

- (except for children under 5 and those with certain medical conditions;
- that you sanitise your hands before entering and again when leaving the church;
- that you confirm your seat number, your name, and the number of family members with the Registrar (or give your contact details, if required);
- that you enter the main body of the church following the instructions of the pass-keepers throughout the duration of your visit.

**Please take note of the grey tape on the floor which helps you to keep a safe distance of two metres as you go; please take your time moving to and from your seat, as directed.**

**Here is a reminder of the changes introduced at Mass in the early days of COVID-19 and which still remain in place:**

- Donations for weekly offerings and the building Fund to be placed in boxes provided when exiting the church. **(Parishioners, if possible, are asked to make their offerings using a Standing Order/Pay Portal.)**
- No newsletters
- No paper notices
- No leaflets
- No hymn books
- No magazines
- No presentation of gifts
- No sign of peace
- No Holy Communion from the chalice.

**These additional changes have subsequently been added to the list:**

## **TOILETS IN ALL CHURCH PROPERTIES ARE OUT OF USE**

- No use of confessionals
- No votive candles
- Parishioners may only pray at their designated seat, and should not move around the church to visit altars or statues.
- No altar servers
- No Sacristan
- Readers must read from a separate place from the Ambo, using photocopied texts or their own missal.
- Only the priest is permitted on the Sanctuary.

- **Recognising that the virus is predominantly contagious through the breathing in of air droplets, these guidelines are based on the need to reduce the length of time when parishioners are together. These are tentative steps for returning to Mass and may be reviewed at any time:**
- Singing of Mass parts and hymns by the people will be omitted.
- Cantors are permitted on occasions with safe distancing.
- At Sunday Mass the second reading will be omitted.
- The sermon will be brief.
- The length of time in church will be no longer than is necessary.

## **Instructions for receiving Holy Communion**

- The priest will sanitise his hands before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.
- The priest will wear a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- **Please remain at your seat for the distribution of Holy Communion. The priest will come to you and offer the Blessed Sacrament or a blessing.**
- If you wish Holy Communion, please stand.
- Please take the host, but wait until the priest moves on to the next person before taking off your mask and consuming the Host.
- If you wish a blessing, please stand and cross your arms over your chest.
- The use of the short formula for distribution of Holy Communion will be used:

**In place of the words “Body of Christ” for each communicant, before the Celebrant receives Holy Communion, he will say these words “May the Body and Blood of Christ keep us all safe to eternal life” to which the congregation responds, “Amen”.**

**In accordance with the national protocol on Infection Control, Holy Communion MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE HAND ONLY for the duration of the pandemic.**

**When leaving church:**

- Please follow the directions of the pass-keepers; be mindful of the markings to keep a safe distance of 2-metres; and move slowly as you leave.
- Please place your weekly offerings in the appropriate boxes on exiting the church.
- Remember to sanitise your hands using the dispensers provided external to the side entrance of the church.
- Please remember to keep a safe distance in the car-park.

***Finally, the parish stall will be unavailable for free browsing. Anyone wishing to purchase religious articles, Mass cards, etc. can do so in the parish hall.***

It is a very different experience of liturgy that we now celebrate. Nevertheless, it is a blessing that we can come together for the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments. It is a new challenge we face and one that we embrace with thanksgiving and confidence.

In the months to come we will review these procedures to ensure that we are following good practice and keeping people safe. Throughout the duration of this pandemic, I ask for your **PATIENCE** and your full **CO-OPERATION**.

Thank you to all parishioners who kindly volunteer their time to make it possible for the church to open and for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all who come to worship. We are in their capable hands and can be confident that our sacred space is well prepared and fit for a dignified and worthy celebration of the Liturgy.

Thank you for your support and co-operation as we continue to move forward in this new era of being church. Take care and stay safe!

Canon Eddie