



Questions about returning to Mass in Holy Name

Is the Church expecting me to now attend Mass?

No – the obligation to attend Mass is still suspended so if you are not confident about the arrangements then it is fine to stay at home. The Mass from St Margaret's is live streamed on Sundays at 10am on its website and also recorded for you to access when convenient.

If I want to attend Mass when is it happening?

Mass in Holy Name will be on a Saturday (starting on the 15th August) at 4pm and there will be a short Eucharistic Service on a Sunday at 9.15am (starting on the 16th August)

If I wish to go to Mass what do I need to do?

You need to phone Barbara Whitlock on 07711703927 between 3pm and 5pm on the Thursday before the Saturday/Sunday to reserve a place. Bear in mind there are only 25 places available for each service so first come first served! You need to give your name and phone number to her for contact tracing purposes.

Do I need to bring anything with me?

It would be helpful to bring your own mask as you must wear one when inside the church but there will be disposable ones available for your use if required.

Can I sit in my usual place?

No - you will be directed to a pew by a volunteer steward which will distance you from other parishioners (2m).

What else will be different?

When you arrive you will be met by a volunteer steward who will mark off your name and direct you to the hand sanitiser. There will not be singing, a collection or the sign of peace. Each side of the church will go separately up for Communion and you will leave the church after Communion by the side door after again sanitising your hands.

Can I sit with my family?

Yes you can sit together as long as you are 2m away from other parishioners – the volunteer steward will show you where you can sit safely.

Is the church cleaned between services?

Father Chris has purchased a sanitising machine – a “fogger” – which will be employed after every service to ensure the church is virus-free.