

Pandemic Measures at St Mary's

Step 4 and beyond

On 19 July the legal restrictions imposed during the pandemic lapsed and the responsibility became ours to do all we can to keep ourselves and others safe from Covid infection. Advice has been to decide locally what is best practice, so below are our suggestions for services at St Mary's. The approach has been to err on the side of caution: these measures will be reviewed in September.

What stays the same?

Masks

You are requested to continue wearing masks whilst in church

Signing in

You are advised to carry on signing in or using the QR codes

Hand sanitiser

Please continue to use the hand sanitiser as you come in and go out of church

Chatting in Church

Much better to do this outside, rather than inside!

Live-streaming

The main 10am Sunday mass will continue to be live-streamed

Sharing the peace

We will continue to share a "socially distanced" sign of peace

Communion

Communion continues in just one kind (the bread) but the celebrant will use words at the distribution

What changes?

Social distancing

The main body of the church will return to normal distancing: pews in the south aisle (organ side) and at the back will continue to be spaced out for those who want to isolate.

Singing

We will slowly re-introduce singing - but whilst still wearing masks - (perhaps with a quieter hymn) at the 10 o'clock.

Fr Andrew