

# Ss. Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church & St. Christopher's Tutbury

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE – Update (10.2.22)

Whilst Covid-19 legal restrictions have been largely removed by the Government their guidance continues to suggest that we wear a face mask when in enclosed spaces. Therefore, in accordance with this advice, the Bishops' Conference and Archdiocesan Guidance and our on-going duty of care for all our parishioners the Parish will be continuing with the following practices to help minimise risk and provide confidence and comfort for our parishioners as we cautiously return to normal:

- **FACE COVERING** - Please continue to wear a face mask whilst in church.
- **HAND SANITISER** - Please sanitise your hands on entering the church.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING** – There are no restrictions on seating within Church and stewards do not seat parishioners as they enter the Church.
- **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING** - We have congregational singing during Mass albeit whilst **wearing face coverings**. Hymn books are available at the back of Church for use at Sunday Masses. Please return the hymn book to the back of Church at the end of Mass.
- **MASS SHEETS AND PARISH NEWSLETTER** – Are available, if you pick up a Mass sheet and newsletter as you enter the Church please take the newsletter with you when you leave the Church. Mass sheets and newsletters left in Church will be reused at the next Mass.
- **ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNION** – The distribution of Holy Communion takes place during the Mass. However, to enable the efficient movement of people around the church, the stewards will guide you to the altar **starting from the back of the church, one side of the church at a time**. You will be directed up the side aisles and back down the centre aisle to your place. Please follow the guidance of the stewards and remain in your seats until indicated to move forward to the altar.
- **EXITING THE CHURCH:** Stewards do not guide the exit of people from Church at the end of Mass. We do, however, ask that you leave the Church in an orderly manner with respect for your fellow parishioners.
- **OFFERTORY & SECOND COLLECTIONS** – Are taken during and at the end of Mass respectively. The collection bags will be handled by the stewards only.
- **VOTIVE CANDLES** – Are available for private intentions. Please respect the privacy of fellow parishioners.
- **PARISH CENTRE TOILETS** – Are accessible from within Church.
- **COVID-19 SYMPTOMS** – Whilst it may no longer be a legal requirement to isolate if you have covid-19 symptoms we ask that out of respect for your fellow parishioners you do not enter the Church.

In addition to the above there may be further easing of restrictions to the way we celebrate Mass and these will be introduced over the coming weeks.

**We ask that, out of respect for your fellow parishioners, you comply with our measures to reduce the risk of infection and to help ease the anxiety of those parishioners attending or returning to Mass for the first time since the pandemic started. Thank you for your co-operation at this time.**