



Parish of Our Lady & St Hubert's



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National guidance on opening churches for individual prayer has been agreed by the government. This will mean that how we use the building will be different and may initially appear confusing. So that we may be able to remain open we have to follow and insist on the guidelines being followed. First and foremost the church is only open for individual prayer as defined by the government and agreed with the bishops.

What is "Individual Prayer?"

Individual prayer within a place of worship is defined as a person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. They must be socially distanced from other individuals or households. Collective or communal prayer and regular scheduled services are not permitted at this time. This includes any minister of religion or lay person leading devotions or prayer. So please take note of the following.

- On entering and leaving the church please use the signed doors – one way in/ one way out
- Use the hand gel upon entering and also when leaving
- Only use the open pews with one person at each end and one in the middle to maintain distancing
- Persons from the same household are allowed to sit together maintaining distancing with others
- Please adhere to the floor markings which indicate the correct social distancing and wait for the person in front to move on.
- Votive candles or personal candles are not to be used.
- Do not touch any of the statues
- We are not allowed to open the toilets so please bear this in mind
- The maximum number of people allowed into the church is 60, including children, at any one time. If this number is going to be exceeded it will be 1 in 1 out.

The church is being cleaned regularly during opening times and a thorough clean is taking place daily. Please follow the guidance of the stewards at all times.

Although these requirements are restrictive, we must follow them otherwise the church will be forced to closed. Further guidelines will follow when communal worship e.g. mass can take place, but it is thought that social distancing will be around for a considerable time, so it is likely that such practises and limits on people allowed into the church will continue.

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