



ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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CURRENT NOTICES - AUGUST 2020

Safety Procedures at Mass

From Saturday 8 August, the wearing of a face covering when in church will be a requirement enforceable by law. Wearing a face covering at indoor gatherings can help to reduce transmission of the coronavirus.

Currently the safe number of people attending a Mass in our church is **60**. If on arrival you find the church is full please consider an alternative time or a weekday Mass instead. The Sunday obligation remains suspended.

On entering and leaving the church please use the hand sanitizer provided. 'Track and trace' regulations require us to record the names and contact details of those attending, so where possible please write your name plus address/email/phone number on a piece of paper in advance, and include the time of Mass you are attending. We will also have cards available which people can fill on arrival at church.

Congregational singing is not allowed and there will be no prayers of the faithful. Instead of an offertory collection two boxes are available near the sanctuary for your donations. Where possible you are requested to donate online, through our JustGiving page, or by Standing Order.

When coming forward for Holy Communion, please leave a reasonable space to the person in front and also to the minister when receiving. Please allow extra time and space for people with a disability and return to your place by the side aisles only. At the end of Mass you may exit by the main or side doors; please allow adequate spacing with other parishioners. Thank you.

Change of Parish Priest

With the agreement of the Archbishop I am retiring from parish ministry from September 2020. I have been invited by the Holy Family Sisters at Stockwell to be their chaplain. The sisters are generously providing me with an independent flat.

I will leave St Thomas More with warm feelings of gratitude and affection for my ministry among you since I came in February 2011. I will do all I can to enable a smooth handover to my successor, Fr Bart Dudek, at present parish priest at Walderslade, Kent. I shall not be living far away, and because I plan not to be too busy, will be happy to keep in touch. Fr Gerry

Fr Bart Dudek

Fr Bart grew up in Domaradz in Eastern Poland. At the age of 19, he went to seminary in Prezemyśl and was ordained priest in 2009. He was an assistant priest in Poland for two years before coming to Maidstone parish in August 2011 where he worked as an assistant priest for five years. He moved to Walderslade in 2016 and in April 2019 was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Fr Bart is due to take up his new appointment at the beginning of September and I am sure you will make him welcome to his first London appointment and enable him to settle into his new role quickly. At this challenging time for the Church, Fr Bart brings youthful energy and vision to the work of the parish as it begins a new chapter in its history. Fr Gerry