



ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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CURRENT NOTICES - 30 AUGUST 2020

Safety Procedures at Mass

It is now a legal requirement to wear a face mask or covering when in church. 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 are no prayers of the faithful. Instead of an offertory collection two boxes are available for your donations, one near the sanctuary and one at the back of the church. 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

This weekend is my last as your parish priest. My successor, Fr Bart Dudek will be here next weekend.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your parish for the last nine and a half years. It has been a privilege to preside over parish liturgy, enhanced every Sunday by the excellent choir and organist. The parish has really good sacramental preparation for children and young people, especially First Communion and Confirmation. There is also very good children's liturgy in our parish.

In recent years we have been able to upgrade the church heating and refurbish the JP Centre. The church and parish properties are in good order. I have enjoyed seeing the improvements that have been made to the garden, I know I shall miss it.

Overall, Fr Bart is coming to a great community with good facilities. Parish finances are sound, so in time there will be scope for further development. Every new priest brings fresh ideas and new energy, so I wish Fr Bart every blessing for his new ministry at this exceptional time.

Thank you for the many farewell cards and gifts you have sent, I am touched by your kindness. We may be taking somewhat different journeys from here on, but we will still belong to the greater family of the Church. Let us remember each other in prayer, especially at the altar of God.

Fr Gerry