



HOLY CROSS and SS PETER & PAUL

Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Dykes

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Dear Parishioners,

The government has recently announcement that, from the 4th July, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services.

We recently reopened Ss Peter & Pauls church for private prayer. In order to do this we completed a risk assessment and adhered to the guidelines issued by the government and the Archdiocese. This includes effective hand sanitisation, social distancing, and cleaning.

Ss Peter & Pauls has permission to reopen for Mass. We remain committed to making sure these systems of hygiene and infection control meet Government and public health standards.

We have been issued new guidance from the Archdiocese specifically relating to the re-opening of our churches for Mass. Our Opening Coordinating Team has been working hard to put into place the guidelines in order to make Ss Peter & Pauls a safe and prayerful church. All decisions will be reviewed by the team on a weekly basis. We expect the guidelines and restrictions to change often.

1. When we aim to celebrate Mass:

To ensure we are able to keep to all the guidelines set out from the Archdiocese, we shall be opening Ss Peter & Paul for Mass in a gradual manner. Holy Cross will remain closed at present. The days and times for Mass will be reviewed on a weekly basis and will be extended when it is safe to do so.

The following Mass times allow for an effective cleaning regime to be put in place, for our volunteers to be safe and above all allow you to worship safely.

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	Mass 10am
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	Mass 7pm
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	Mass 10am
Sunday	Mass 11am

Starting Tuesday 7th July

We will no longer be opening for private prayer sessions.

2. Cleaning:

We have been given clear and precise guidance to cleaning the church. Every person involved in the cleaning of our churches will be given the information to ensure we are adhering to guidance.

- The church will be cleaned professionally after each Mass.



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3. Ensuring safety & social distancing:

- Access into Ss Peter & Paul will be through the main front door. There will be a one way system throughout the church identified by signage and arrows. Exit from the church will be through the north door (next to Our Lady's altar)
- Hand sanitizer stations will be at the entry and exit points of the church. It is required that all people use this on entry and exit.
- It is necessary to prevent access to certain areas of the church. These areas will be cordoned off. Please be aware we have been instructed to prevent access to toilets. There will be no toilet facilities available.
- In order to ensure a 2 metre radius distance is maintained whilst seated, there will be marked out areas on the pews where you can sit. Members of the same household are welcome to sit together.
- We shall have a maximum capacity of 40 within the church. Once the maximum capacity has been reached no other persons may be admitted into church.
- Signage will be clear throughout the church to ensure those attending know how to keep safe whilst at the church.
- Holy water stoups will remain empty

4. Stewarding

If you would like to volunteer to be a steward, please get in touch with Andrew at:
aobodger@hotmail.com

We shall require volunteers to work in teams of 4. These teams should remain in their groups to minimise contact.

Each team will be required to cover one Mass per week.

Every volunteer will have training and will be given the information and necessary PPE in order to adhere to the guidance set out by the government and Archdiocese.

5. What is required of you



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- Please stay at home if
 - you may have a pre-existing condition or are immuno-compromised
 - You are feeling ill
 - You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to Covid 19
 - You have a sick family member at home
- The use of face coverings is compulsory for Mass for all persons over 5yrs. We have a limited supply of disposable masks but do ask that parishioners provide their own face coverings.
- You must use the hand sanitiser provided at the entrance and exit of the church
- Personal possessions should be kept to a minimum and should be taken away on leaving the church. Personal missals may be brought into church for individual use – please remember to take these home with you.
- Any items found during cleaning shall be disposed of and shall not be deposited in any lost property.
- We do not discourage parents or guardians bringing children into the church, but it is important for parents to manage their children appropriately, particularly ensuring they touch as few surfaces as possible.
- Please note there are no toilet facilities available.
- If you fall ill after coming into the church, please inform the parish office of your circumstances. This is for us to put in place safety measures – no personal information will be given out. holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk

6. Communication

The Opening Coordination team are meeting on a regular basis and will be reviewing decisions if there is a change to the advice from the government and Archdiocese. We shall be communicating any new information and changes to our church as soon as we can.

We shall be uploading a new video guide of the new layout of the church to our parish website soon so you are able to see what we have put in place before your visit. We hope this will make things easier to understand and will be reassuring to you.

All our information will be published on our parish website. Please pass on any of this information to any parishioner you know who does not have access online.



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We understand that there is a lot of information to take in and some of the changes may be concerning or even a little frightening. We are doing all that we can to make your visit to church as safe and as prayerful as possible.

Teresa Walters & The Opening Coordination Team 02/07/2020