

Protocol for attending Mass at Saint Matthew's, Big Lamp during the pandemic

To all those who have co-operated with the pandemic practices, thank you very much. As the situation deteriorates, we need to intensify the measures a little and ensure that everyone is conversant with the rules. Please read this protocol before setting out for Mass.

- 1. If you are vulnerable and/or you have Covid symptoms and/or you live with someone who is vulnerable and/or you are shielding and/or you are isolating, you should stay at home and follow the service on the internet.**
- 2. You should maintain social distancing of two metres at all times.**
3. Unless you have a medical exemption (you might be asked for evidence of this), you are required to wear a face covering.
4. Be aware that the lavatories are not available.
5. You should enter by the West door.
6. If you arrive at the same time as others, allow people to enter one at a time and leave time for them to clean their hands before entering the Church.
7. Sanitize your hands at the station just inside the door.
8. There are no items at which to look or collect. The pricket stands have been suppressed.
9. Go straight to a seat and remain there until the time for Holy Communion. Do not move around the church.
10. Do not engage in conversation with others unless it is necessary for the purposes of the Mass or there is some emergency.
11. Do not sing.
12. At the time of Holy Communion, approach the priest one by one - it is better for the priest to wait than for people to compromise social distancing.
13. After receiving Holy Communion, return to your seat by way of the North Aisle (running past the Sacrament Chapel) directly to your seat.
14. At the end of the Mass, collect a wipe from the back of church (going, again, by way of the North Aisle and maintaining social distancing) and clean your seat.
15. Do not engage in conversation with others unless there is something important that you need to communicate.
16. Unless you CANNOT manage the steps, leave the church by the South door. Leave space between people - best for one person to be through the door before the next person descends the stairs.
17. Please note that the inner doors have deliberately been left open - do not close them.