

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH CHAGFORD – COVID-19 PROTECTION

These procedures have been put in place to protect those attending the church and ensure that they feel safe. The need for continued precaution and protection is paramount

Father Darline will continue with the Zoom and Skype masses.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE CHURCH IF YOU FEEL UNWELL, HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 WITHIN THE LAST 7 DAYS, OR ARE MEDICALLY VULNERABLE.

Note that COVID-19 symptoms can include loss of smell and/or taste.

If you are registered disabled or need help accessing the church, please speak with Father Darline before coming to church.

NEW PROCEDURES

- 1) To allow for social distancing, the capacity of the church will be reduced to between 16 and 24 people, depending on how many people attend from the same household. We will have to turn people away if this capacity is reached.
- 2) Please wear a mask or face covering if you are able, and keep this on throughout the service, except when receiving communion.
- 3) Your contact details will be taken on arrival and given to Father Darline. Please contact him immediately if you develop COVID symptoms in the 7 days after attending mass.
- 4) Please use the hand sanitiser when you enter and leave the church, and before and after receiving communion.
- 5) Some pews will be taped off and people from different households will be asked to sit at opposite end of the available pews.
- 6) Please stay in the pews and do not kneel down; kneeling could reduce the distance from other people.
- 7) There will be no books or papers available for use and no cushions or votive candles.
- 8) The holy water font cannot be used and there will be no singing for now.
- 9) The toilet is not available for use.
- 10) The church will only be open for mass on Sunday mornings. Frequently-touched surfaces will be cleaned before and after mass.

STEWARDS

Two stewards, wearing gloves and facemasks, will ensure social distancing is maintained for each mass. Please wait for their instructions when entering and leaving church.

One steward will monitor the entrance to regulate the number of people entering the church and avoid bottlenecks. This may mean you are asked to wait to enter the church, and you may be asked to wait in your car until the entrance is clear.

Another steward will record the name and phone details of each person attending mass to enable a 'track and trace' system should someone subsequently develop COVID symptoms. This steward will then show you to a designated seating area.

The stewards will instruct each pew in turn to move forward to the priest for Holy Communion.

PARISHIONERS

Please bring your own missal or prayer book.

Please remain in your pew unless instructed to move by the stewards. When you receive communion please approach the altar with your arms at full stretch and hands flat, one on top of the other.

There will be no offertory collection. If you wish to make a cash donation, please bring this with you in an envelope and put in the plate by the entrance.

PRIEST

Father Darline will stay behind the altar for most of mass as he will be broadcasting the service on Zoom and Skype.

He will wear a mask and visor, and use disposable gloves during parts of the service e.g. when giving communion.

He will prepare the chalice, paten and cloths himself so that only he handles these items.

He will enter and leave the sacristy via the back door of the church.