

## Covid protocols as from 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 2022

Please do not attend Mass if you have Covid symptoms or have tested positive and not fulfilled the recommended time of isolation.

Face coverings are optional in church though there is still a recommendation to use them.

There is no requirement to reserve places. Please be sensitive to those who are still cautious.

Missalettes and hymn books can be used with full verses of hymns sung. Other sacramentals such as Palms and Ashes will be distributed in the normal way. Holy water may be used at the church entrance.

Holy Communion from the chalice and the sign of peace remain suspended.

Please sanitise your hands on entering the church or before the ministry of distributing Holy Communion.

To the congregation – please observe an orderly progress towards receiving Holy Communion – allowing space between each communicant – observing the same patterns we have established in our three church buildings over the past months.

Cleaning. There is no longer any need to continue the cleaning protocols we have used until now. A return to normal church cleaning is all that is needed. There is no need to clean/sanitise pews and other church furnishings after Mass. However, touch points like door handles and light switches used by many people should be cleaned regularly with ordinary household cleaning agents.

Personal hygiene remains important such as washing hands at home in a normal way as well as using handkerchiefs or tissues and covering your mouth when coughing.

Once again, a special thank you to all those who have enabled our safe celebration of Mass through their various roles under the Covid secure protocols.