

Update from August 2022

On Friday 6th May, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales asked that people now return to the normal practice of Sunday Mass. It recognises that to be present at Mass and to receive the Eucharist is completely different from joining on the livestream if you are able to be present in person. The full statement on returning to Mass at Pentecost is on the Cathedral website.

Face Coverings & Social Distancing

The recommendations that **people continue to wear facemasks and maintain the sanitising regime** remain in place. The Cathedral directive is that everybody coming to Mass in the Cathedral wear a face mask which you bring yourself. We accept that this is not required in all Churches, but it remains our standard here and if you choose to come here, we respectfully ask you to abide by this standard.

Please note, all Cathedral staff and volunteers continue to wear face masks.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Please approach the altar via the central aisle from wherever you are seated and return to your place via the side aisles. We ask that you continue to respect the distancing that others may wish. As always, if you require Holy Communion brought to your place, please mention this to the Stewards when you arrive for Mass.

Due to the ongoing risk of infection, the norm for receiving Communion remains on the hand. For those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please come to the altar when the rest of the congregation has received, as the Minister of Holy Communion will need to sanitise his/her hands after every person receiving on the tongue. There is no offence intended by this distinction and we ask that you respect also the health of the minister and of the rest of the congregation if you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue

Use of toilets

The Cathedral toilets to the right of the Sanctuary are now available again and will be open at Mass times.

Holy Water will be available in the side vestibule stoups or if you require some for home, please speak to a Steward.

During our opening hours the Stewards will assist with the signing of Mass cards.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.