

We will have the Church open and Mass available for parishioners, at St Michael and St James, Haunton starting on Sunday, 12th July, Alleluia!

The times of Holy Mass and opening shall be:

Sunday 9:00am (Mass), Church open 8:30am until 10:30am

Friday 11:00am (Mass), Church open 10:30am until 12:30noon

A Risk Assessment has been carried out, and there will be changes to what you are familiar with. These are restrictive and demanding even penitential but are all for the greater good.

Firstly, if you have symptoms of Covid-19, are feeling ill, have a pre-existing condition, are immuno-compromised, or have a sick family member at home please do not come to the church.

A Face covering is mandatory – not necessarily a mask, a scarf or similar will be fine. Remove before receiving Holy Communion and re-fix having received the Lamb of God.

The official number of attendees is 18, i.e. 18 'units'.

- A 'unit' is either:
- (a) one person
 - (b) husband and wife
 - (c) family.
 - (d) household group/bubble

If more than the official limit should attend some chairs shall be made available in the porch area (stewards shall assess). The entrance is the usual one, through the Porch. You will be greeted by a 'steward' and given instructions, including hand sanitising procedures where to sit in order to remain at least one metre apart from others not of your household. It will be one-way traffic system, so when you leave, it will be through the sacristy which shall be empty of people and made tidy and clear beforehand. Again, there will be a steward who will advise on hand sanitising and ensure a safe flow of attendees.

Toilet facilities are closed but can be opened in an emergency. There is no lighting of candles but this shall be reviewed every few weeks, Fr Eamonn is happy to light a candle on your behalf later. For the time being there shall be no children's liturgy or altar servers, an arrangement to be regularly monitored.

For those who do not use Standing Orders/Direct Debit: if you wish to contribute, there will be a container in the sacristy as you are leaving into which you can put your envelope/cash.

Singing is not allowed, I'm afraid.

The procedure when receiving Holy Communion will be as normal (no Chalice distribution), except: you do not leave your seat until the person before you return's to hers/his. The steward will advise and monitor this. The priest and Deacon shall sanitise their hands before distribution.

Fr Eamonn will say a few words of further explanation on the above before he starts the Mass.