

COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATE 18 February 2022

Following the recent announcement of the significant easing of Covid-19 regulations this week, the diocese has issued updated guidance recommending a graduated and cautious approach going forward. There are no immediate changes to our current measures. However, the parish Covid Team is undertaking a review and the following changes will begin on 26th/27th February.

- Parishioners will no longer need to use the Booking System, but COVID teams are asked to tape off a section of each church where social distancing can be retained for those vulnerable parishioners who feel they would prefer some space.
- There is no longer a need to record contact details.
- Stewards/Volunteers should continue to meet and greet parishioners and show them to their seats.
- Facemasks and Sanitizer to be retained.
- No need to use wipes etc to clean pews.
- Readers may return to the Ambo.
- Church choirs may reform at the discretion of the Director of Music in each of the churches.
- Eucharistic Ministers may be re-instated in each church. Fr David will meet with each team of Eucharistic Ministers to review their role.
- Stewards will continue to guide parishioners at Communion and help manage the flow of people around the church.
- Parishioners will be reminded to leave the church quickly and not congregate in porch areas.
- Parish Halls should re-open for social gatherings
- Parish Teams should resume their liturgical and catechetical activities.
- Further guidance on Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings will be agreed shortly.