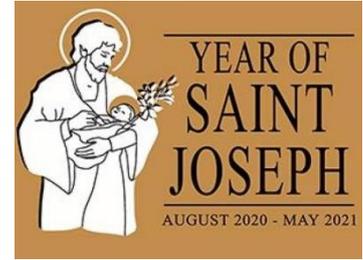




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COVID Mitigation Measures at St Joseph's Church

With Coronavirus, 'flu and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) on the rise, Government is asking each of us to take personal responsibility for controlling the spread of coronavirus in our communities.

Therefore, this is the perfect time to remind parishioners that:

- neither adults nor children should come to Mass if they are experiencing **ANY** cold or 'flu symptoms. Please enjoy the Rosary and Mass via the Livestream if you are feeling below par. Anyone attending Mass should disinfect their hands upon arrival and on departure. This is an important mitigation.
- masks must be worn at weekend Masses. This is another important mitigation.
- when moving around the church during communion, please try to leave at least a meter between you and other parishioners. Masks are optional at weekday Masses because numbers are smaller and parishioners can more easily maintain social distancing from one another.
- may satisfy the obligation to attend Mass by doing so at any Mass in the week.
- they consider wearing warm clothes on cold days as we will continue to ventilate the church during Masses. This is another very important mitigation.
- free lateral flow tests are available for from <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> . Parishioners may wish to consider taking a lateral flow tests twice a week.
- the Baptismal font remains closed, Holy Communion remains under one kind only, and the sign of peace is a friendly nod rather than a handshake.
- we ask that you complete a contact tracing slip when you attend Mass so that we can inform you if someone at that Mass later reports that they have developed COVID.
- we will be reintroducing paper missalettes from the Solemnity of All Saints on 31st October and we will use these through New Year 2022. Please take your missalette home with you at the end of Mass so that stewards do not have to touch them when cleaning.