

Covid-19 Precautions at Christ the King Chingford for attending Mass or for Private Prayer

- At each mass, numbers will be limited on a first come first served basis.
- We will aim to open the doors 25 minutes before each mass. For private prayer, only come during the times shown in the current programme above.
- If you have the NHS COVID-19 app on your smartphone please scan the QR barcode for the church when you arrive.
- Toilets will be closed and we cannot provide baby changing facilities.
- Safe distancing will apply whilst on the site. All those who come must keep a 2 metre distance from others and wear a mask/face covering at all times except when receiving Holy Communion at mass.
- If you are waiting outside remember the 2 metre and mask rule.
- Once inside the porch, a steward will ask you to sanitise your hands.
- You will then be shown to a seat, which will be a 2 metre distance from other people. It will not be possible to request a specific seat. It is not allowed to visit other parts of the church, to pray out loud or to light candles.
- Once seated, you must remain in your place until the end of the mass or the end of your visit for private prayer (please leave by the side door having sanitised your hands). Please do not move to try to greet friends etc. Children are welcome but they must wear face covering and must remain in their seats.
- If it is not possible for you to scan the QR code for the church when you arrive, you will still find a pencil and a "Track and Trace" slip on your seat. Please complete this and leave it on your seat when you leave. Members of the same household need only complete 1 slip. It is a legal requirement that we keep this information for 21 days, after which the slips will be destroyed.
- At present congregational singing is absolutely forbidden at mass.
- The bidding prayers and sign of peace are omitted at mass. During the mass only the Celebrant will receive Holy Communion.
- At the conclusion of the mass, communion will be distributed to the congregation.
- Only move when a steward invites you to do so, take you belongings with you as you will not be able to return to your seat, keep a 2 metre gap whilst queuing, remove your mask when indicated to do so.
- At the communion station stretch your arms out fully with palms flat. Neither the priest nor the communicant are to say any words.
- Replace your mask, sanitise your hands and leave the church, as directed, by the side door.
- As you leave the church after mass there will be buckets for your collection money. Please be as generous as possible.
- Please do not congregate by the door or in the car park, this compromises distancing and could lead to masses being stopped again.
- Also collect your box of gift aid envelopes outside after mass, if you are in the scheme.