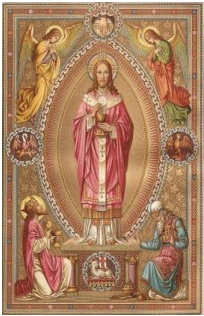


Pandemic update

Guidance as from 19th July 2021



Our Lady of Reparation

St. Mary's RC Church, West Croydon



COVID-19 Step 4 Guidance

The important step to take during this period is to ensure a safe environment in our places of worship and other buildings where activities take place within our parish.

This will be a **collective responsibility of everyone**, especially those involved in the daily life of our parish as the safeguarding of public health now lies with the management of each organization.

In the absence of the 'rule of law,' we strongly emphasize on a common sense and risk averse activities, to continue to mitigate against transmission of the virus which is still prevalent in society.

To this effect, we are urged to take note of the following as the route to take in our parish from July 19.

1. **Hand sanitisation** shall continue and we shall continue to observe good cleaning regime as we have always done.

2. We strongly advise the **use of face coverings** while at Mass and within our ancillary buildings.

3. **Distancing** Please, leave one seating space between you and a non-member of your family.

4. **Congregational singing** can now take place at Masses. It is highly recommended we do this with the masks on until infection levels reduce.

5. **Our parish church will now open** Monday to Saturday (8am-7.30pm) for private prayers.

6. **The Weekday 12:10pm Mass** can now have parishioners in attendance.

7. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will hold on :-

* Wednesday 12.45pm to 6pm

* Saturday 10:45am to 12 noon with the various devotions; **and**

* Sunday 4pm to 5:45pm.

8. **Holy Water** is provided now in the dispenser for those who come with their small bottles for this sacramental.

9. We shall resume **offertory collection at Masses**. However, we encourage parishioners to do more of :-

* on-line donation

* register for standing order donation; **and**

* gift aid if they pay taxes.

10. **Holy Communion** will be given under one kind and is recommended to be received on the hand. However, those who wish to receive on the tongue are free to do so as long as the ministers are careful of contamination.

We shall continue the practice of **being ushered** for communion by the stewards pew by pew from the front.

11. **Baptism** is still one child or family at a time but with no limit to numbers attending.

12. No restrictions on numbers attending **Marriages** as well as **Funerals**.

13. We shall resume **home visits** by priests, deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion.

14. **Social activities** can resume in the parish; so also, catechetical and group activities.

15. **Liturgical Ministers** can take up their roles again: Choristers, Lectors, EHMC and Altar Servers.

We however request that old and would be Altar Servers are to register for serving. Forms are at the back of the church for this registration and once the forms are returned, we shall commence training sessions.

16. **Parish Surgery** for Baptisms, Marriages, Signing of School forms, etc shall hold henceforth on

Tuesdays & Fridays

9am to 12:30pm; and

2pm to 4:30pm

Also, please note :-

- ***parish parking registration is live, Monday to Friday; and***
- ***the approaching 'gated' arrangements around Woburn Road/the high school area, which may affect pedestrians and vehicles.***

We do thank you for your support, patience and cooperation as we re-open fully for private prayer and in person attendance at all Masses, weekdays, Sundays & Saturdays as from 19th July 2021.

We pray without ceasing.