

Important Notice for People Attending Mass in Douai Abbey Church

Please read carefully

We are delighted that from Sunday, 14 March onwards we can re-open the abbey church for Sunday and weekday masses, but we must continue to follow best practice for everyone's safety. It is essential that the following criteria and operating methods are followed. Social distancing of at least 2m must be observed in the car park and in the queue into church and afterwards.

- Everyone must book a place for Sunday mass in advance by e-mailing Chris Maude at mass.woolhampton@gmail.com. Please tell him how many in your group and provide a telephone number. Booking opens on the Monday prior to the Mass and closes at 6 pm on Friday. If you don't use e-mail please telephone 0118 945 2949, between 11 am and 12 noon Monday – Friday. Please do **not** ring or e-mail the monastery. Please do not turn up if you have not booked. We may not be able to admit you.
- You do not have to book for weekday masses.
- The church seating is arranged to allow more than 2 metres separation between individuals or household groups.
- Everyone entering must clean their hands using the gel provided.
- Everyone will be escorted by a steward to their seat.
- Face masks must be worn (unless you have a medical reason for not doing so) to protect others present from your possible sneezing.
- To minimise potential spread of viral particles, there will be no handouts, no hymn or mass books, no votive candles, no singing, toilets will be closed (Mass will generally take less than 45minutes), and no kneeling.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in the normal way, but please follow the instruction of the stewards who will indicate when you should leave your seat.
- PLEASE attend to the Stewards, they are there to make it all safe for the rest of us. We are very grateful to them and to Chris Maude for their invaluable help in making this run smoothly and safely.

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