

Public Mass: St Joseph's, Tilehurst

1st Oct 2020

Keep yourself safe. Keep others safe.

Attendance as Mass is by invitation only. You must have registered in order to receive an invite.

FACE COVERINGS are compulsory for all while you are in the church. If you can't wear a face covering, please watch our masses on Live Stream instead:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

We have 5 mass times:

Tuesdays at 12pm, Wednesdays at 11am,
Saturdays at 5pm (Vigil), Sundays at 8.30am and 11am

To register: send an email to: stjo@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk or contact the parish office

Tell us:

your name and contact details (email address, phone number)

your home address

how many people in your family group will attend.

which mass days you PREFER and which others you could attend if your preferred times are full-up
please be flexible – there is NO Sunday obligation at present

If you are extremely vulnerable, consider watching live stream instead, or opt for a weekday mass

When you have registered you will be invited to attend one of our masses at a specific time.

We may not be able to offer you a place every week. We will do our best.

Please don't come to mass unless you have been invited to that mass AND have accepted.

Please don't bring other people with you unless they are part of the group that you registered.

Invites for Tuesday and Wednesday masses are sent on Sunday/Monday.

Invites for Saturday and Sunday masses are sent on Wed/Thurs; please respond by midday on Friday.

Please check your email regularly, including your JUNK folder. We may not be able to fit you in every week but if we have cancellations and you are on the waiting list we might invite you to mass at short notice. NOTE: If we don't hear from you in time, we WILL reallocate your place.

It takes a lot of admin to allocate places as fairly as possible. Please help by responding to emails quickly AND let us know if you can't attend so we can give your seat(s) to someone else. Please also let us know if you are going away and we won't send an invitation during that time.

Please do not enter the church if you, or if anyone you live with or spend time with have any of the following COVID19 symptoms:

new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of smell/taste

Inside Church

- The church will be open 20mins before mass starts, please don't arrive before this.
- You will enter the church through the main porch
- Stewards will be on hand to take your name and guide you to your allocated seats
- Keep 2m apart outside and inside the church
- Sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the church
- **Face coverings must be worn while in church, fully covering both mouth and nose**

- You will be directed to an available seat:
 - Individuals– sit one at each end of a pew, not in the middle
 - 2 or more from one household share the same pew
- Please avoid touching anything in the church such as doors, kneelers
- Avoid touching your face
- Children are welcome if you are confident to keep them quietly in your pew with you

Communion and Leaving

- Communion: Wait in your pew until a steward indicates to you to come forward
- Keep your face covering on and maintain the 2m spacing while queuing for communion
- Carefully remove your mask just as you reach the front of the queue and immediately replace it after consuming the host.
- Please take communion in your hand if you are happy to.
- If you do plan to receive on the tongue, indicate this to the steward and wait until the end
- Return to your seat via the side or window aisle.
- Do NOT take a short cut through the pews.
- Leaving: Wait in your pew until a steward indicates for you to leave.
- Go directly to the door to the left of the organ
- Use the bins by the exit to dispose of masks or take home and wash
- Sanitise your hands again as you leave
- Please move well away from the exit to leave the way clear for others to exit behind you

Useful information

- Windows will be kept open to improve air flow
- Some benches are roped off – please do not try to use these
- There will be no candles, no holy water, no hymn books, no singing
- Toilets are open for emergency use

We welcome your feedback. How was your experience?

Would you like to volunteer to help? Regularly or occasionally?

We are grateful for all offers to help clean and / or be a steward / or to read

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Or contact the parish office