

ST HILDA'S, SOUTH SHIELDS

CORONAVIRUS: LATEST PRECAUTIONS

Based on the latest advice, the following measures are now in place:

Coming to Church for Private Prayer

1. Public worship remains suspended. In other words, our church is still not open at the usual times for Mass, Morning and Evening Prayer. Our Church will re-open for private prayer and reflection at these times, from the beginning of July:

Wednesday 1 July: 0930-1100

Saturday 4 July: 1230-1400

2. *Who may come to pray?* Those who are clinically vulnerable (i.e. over 70 or receive the annual flu vaccine) *may attend* at their own discretion. Those who are shielding (i.e. extremely vulnerable) *should not attend*. Those who are self-isolating (i.e. have tested positive, or have symptoms of Covid-19, or live with someone in those categories, or have been told to stay at home) *must not attend*.

3. If you are coming to church, make sure to wash your hands before setting off.

4. Face coverings are not essential, but you are welcome to wear them for peace of mind.

5. Once at church, take particular care to stay two metres (six feet) apart from anyone else. A one-way system will be in operation.

6. It is essential that you use the hand gel provided (on the table in the porch) when you arrive and before you leave. Tissues and a bin are also available.

7. Sit in a designated seat. Available seats are clearly indicated. Some suggestions for prayer are available, please take the sheet away at the end, or dispose of it in the bin provided

8. You may light a candle at the candle stand. Please light your candle from the one which is already lit.

9. These arrangements are for silent prayer only, so please refrain from talking to others or engaging in your usual jobs in church: we must avoid any impression of holding a gathering.

10. If you develop symptoms of, or test positive for Covid-19, please contact Fr Mark on 0191-454-8060. This is for the protection of all visitors.