

## **COVID19 – Latest Information**

Over the last two months the parish clergy have met several times with members of the Pastoral Councils of both churches to review when it would be possible to open for public Masses again.

At a recent meeting, it was decided that the criteria which had been agreed in advance (national and local COVID statistics, progress of the vaccination campaign, status of local hospitals etc.) had been met and it was agreed we could start to cautiously re open our two churches.

St Elizabeth's will open for Sunday Mass on March 14<sup>th</sup> and St Anne's the following Sunday. Please see the Bulletin for further details.

Capacity at both churches will be limited and for St Elizabeth's places must be booked in advance.

**As public Masses resume at both our churches, please be aware of the guidance below**

**National Lockdown. Reminder of the Regulations.**

**Attending Mass at St Anne's and St Elizabeth's.**

Although we are still in a National Lockdown, it is a support to know that public Masses will soon re start.

***But please do not attend church if you are vulnerable or have been advised to shield.***

As a result of safety precautions during this Lockdown, **capacity at St Anne's Masses may be reduced.** Please take this into consideration when coming to Mass. **St Elizabeth's** will continue to have a pre booking system. Please phone **01704 880451** to book a place.

Legally, all those attending church are required to abide by the following -

- face covering to be worn in church **at all times** and may not be taken off or moved away from the mouth or nose, except at the moment of receiving Communion.
- a face visor or shield may not be worn on their own but always with a mask or other face covering which fits securely round the side of the face
- name and contact details required for Track & Trace each time attending church - it is a great help if you bring these written out ready to drop into the box in the entrance ( St Anne's only)
- *Or* use the app on your phone to register on arrival, through the NHS QR.
- sanitise hands on arrival, then move through to the main church as quickly as possible
- ensure a safe distance when entering and leaving church and when going to receive Communion
- on exiting church, not stopping to mingle with anyone outside of your household/support bubble
- arrive in good time so that the stewards can guide you to a safe place without too much disturbance of other people.
- **always** follow the guidance of the stewards

Thank you for helping, by keeping to these legal requirements and so enabling the celebration of public Masses. St Anne's & St Elizabeth's PPC.