

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH HILL

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Wellbeing of Staff and Congregants

Staff and Congregants who display **cold or flu-like symptoms** are not to come onto the premises.

Regular advice is given concerning Covid-19 safety. This includes information on the parish web site, signage at the church and announcements at services.

Staff have been made aware of their leave entitlements if they are sick or required to self-isolate.

Online services – including Sunday Mass, weekly novena and Sunday homilies – are available on the parish web site and YouTube. These services have in mind especially those 70 years old or older – people for whom public transport is problematic.

Cleaning

The church pews and surfaces are thoroughly cleaned with disinfectant every morning at 6am. Through the day, door handles, doors and other surfaces are regularly wiped with disinfectant.

All hymn books have been removed from the church together with other documents.

People are asked to take with them all documents they have handled.

Signing in

All those entering the church are asked to **sign in and leave contact details**. Wardens supervise this. Records are kept confidentially for twenty-eight days before being destroyed.

Hand sanitising containers are available at the entrance to the church.

Physical distancing

Signage on doors and seats indicate safe distancing, observing **the 4m² rule** is observed. **The church holds up to 80 people** on this rule. When the capacity is reached, no more people are allowed in the church.

People are asked not to mingle at the church door before and after services.

Spots are marked on the carpet 2m apart to guide people when coming to Communion.

Singing

There is **no congregational singing**.