

Parish of St Joseph and St Clare: next steps in reopening for Masses

Appeal for Volunteers to act as Stewards at Mass

You will have seen Canon John's announcement of the next stage in our gradual reopening of the parish churches. Starting on Saturday 25th July we will be reopening St Clare's Church for Mass:

- on Saturday at 6pm
- on Sunday at 9.30am.

We will be looking to add another Mass to this schedule as soon as is practicable.

Private prayer on Fridays and Saturdays at St Joseph's will continue. So during this next phase there will be weekend masses at St Clare's, with private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament available at St Joseph.

For each Mass we will need two or possibly three Stewards as there is much to do to welcome parishioners, confirm their booking / test and trace information and ensure they can preserve social distancing when taking their seats and also when departing at the end of Mass. Stewards will also assist with cleaning after each Mass.

We need enough volunteers to come forward so that we can have three Stewards at each Mass. If you can do one session per weekend that means we need six volunteers, or 9 if we are to put on a third Mass.

PPE will be provided. Stewards will be offered training to support them in this crucial role.

If you would like to help and you are free of any underlying conditions and not in a vulnerable category, please email Canon John at jpbeirne.stjoseph@btinternet.com or phone him on 01286 483629.

If you would like to discuss any of the practical details of what is involved in this role, please feel free to contact Mark Fuchter at markfuchter@hotmail.com for further information.

To emphasise, we cannot reopen for Mass unless we have enough Stewards available to serve at each Mass. Please help if you can.

The Response Team.

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