

Our COVID Team met on Tuesday 23rd November 2021 to review the current COVID restrictions which are in place in all four of our churches.

As COVID infections are still very high, it was agreed that we will continue to follow our procedures of social distancing, sanitizing and cleaning.

Our stewards are asked to insist that facecoverings are worn during Mass and other services, except where parishioners are exempt.

It was agreed that our rota of readers can be extended. New readers will be offered training.

While there is currently no need for Eucharistic Ministers at Mass, some may be deployed to visit the sick and housebound. A register of EMs will be maintained and COVID guidance provided.

Choirs are encouraged to re-form, provided social distancing guidance is followed. Singers should sit in a space away from the main congregation where possible.

Risk Assessments for all four churches to be updated accordingly.

The team also considered the possibility of re-opening parish halls in the New Year for certain activities such as Children's Liturgy, and refreshments after Mass. Organizers are asked to consider if the activity is permitted under current government regulation/guidance and if it can be carried out safely in accordance with public health advice.