

Guidelines for St Joseph's Church – Shooters Hill

10.15 Mass only on a Sunday for the time being

Maximin number of parishioners is 30 for the time being

2m distancing outside church

Entrance at the main door

Social distancing will be necessary in entering the church

Everyone is to wear a mask and one will provided for those who have forgotten - certain people are exempt

There will be no toilets open for any reason – that includes children – if they cannot wait they must be taken out of the church and not be allowed to return

Hand sanitiser **MUST** be used when entering the church

A track and trace form **MUST** be filled out inside the porch before entering the main body of the church

Everyone is to wait in the porch while the people are seated and the Welcomer comes back to the porch for the next person/s

The church must be filled from the front of the church first and people cannot decide where they would like to sit

VERY IMPORTANT to not have people crossing in the aisle

Right side pews as you look to the Altar will be for households with a free bench in between each household

Left side pews are for one person on their own or two people from the same household to sit at each end of the pew with the next pew holding one person on their own in the middle of the pew

Everyone **MUST** stay in the seat allocated and must not move during Mass

There will be no altar servers

There will be no lighting of candles or prayers at the statues

There will be no books and no signing

Music will be played but people are encouraged not to join in

There will only be one reader for all readings

There will be no offertory and no collection, but collection baskets will be at the exits for your donation

Holy Communion will be under one kind – the host – and it will only be distributed in the hand NOT on the tongue - Father Seba will go to each communicant while they stay in their seat – there will no one in the aisles

Father Seba to ask from the altar who are going to receive, and those people must stand up – everyone else sit down

To exit the church after Mass will be by the doors in the Sacristy and the Chapel

Everyone will wait for a Welcomers to guide them to the right door for them – the right side of the church will exit by the Chapel door and the left side of the church will exit by the Sacristy door

Everyone will be encouraged to leave the outside as quickly as possible so social distancing can still be in place

Unfortunately, Father Seba cannot greet people after church as this will cause a congestion

Many thanks for your co operation