



# Bishops' Conference of Scotland

## Guidelines for the resumption of Mass

### General Instructions



Avoid gatherings outside of church before and after Mass.



Keep two metres distance between other households.



Stewards will be placed on the door to manage the flow of people in and out.



Numbers will be limited based on capacity, with social distancing in mind.



Face coverings are compulsory (except for children under 5 and those with certain medical conditions).



You may be required to leave your contact details for Test and Protect purposes.



Hand sanitizer must be used as you enter and leave the church. The church will be cleaned between Masses.

### Liturgical Instructions



Please avoid all physical contact with fellow parishioners.



The sign of peace will not take place.



Congregational singing will not take place.



There will be no offertory collection. Donations will be accepted in a specific place, but standing orders are encouraged.



No offertory procession will take place.



There will be no hymn books or shared materials.



Readers are encouraged not to touch the lectionary.



Parishioners may bring their own Missals.

### Holy Communion



If a one-way system is in place, please follow it.



Only the priest should consume the celebrant's host.



Except during Holy Communion, the priest should not wear a face covering.



The Precious Blood will not be distributed at this time.



Hands must be sanitised before and after distributing Communion.



Holy Communion should be received in silence in the hand. Step aside from the priest before consuming the host.



People should be guided by the stewards, including when leaving the church.

**If you have any symptoms of coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms, please stay at home.**

**The obligation to attend Mass has been suspended.**

**Those who are SHIELDING should not come to Mass until advised it is safe to do so by the Scottish Government.**

**Those who are in other vulnerable groups should follow Scottish Government advice when making the decision to come to Mass.**