

## RULES and REMINDERS

### for Attending Catholic Mass at Goudhurst and Hawkhurst

#### Mass Attendance

- To maintain social distancing the numbers able to enter the church are restricted.
- To attend Mass please make a request to book prior preferably by email [thechurchisopen@gmail.com](mailto:thechurchisopen@gmail.com) or phone Shaun Cleary 01580 389109

#### On Arrival

- Please arrive wearing your own mask and use the sanitiser in the porch on entry.
- "Check in" with the Stewards who will indicate where to sit.
- Stewards have spare masks in the event of need. *(If you have a **medical condition** exempting you or a member of family from wearing a mask in a place of worship please make this immediately clear to the Stewards on arrival).*

#### Windows Open

- Windows must remain open to assist with ventilation.
- Only Stewards should operate the windows please.

#### During Mass

- Please keep your mask on always EXCEPT at Holy Communion, or if reading

#### Reading

- If you are reading please remove your mask and speak up. And return your mask when done

#### Holy Communion

- Stewards will indicate when to go up for Holy Communion.
- Masks may be removed when leaving your pew and put back on when returning to your pew. Alternatively, merely remove your mask at the point of taking Holy Communion
- Holy Communion is received silently in one outstretched, open and flat hand

#### Blessings

- Blessings will be given by Fr Vic
- Fr Vic will stand at the side, wear a mask, and bless you (without touch)
- Please go up for a blessing at the time your pew is called for Communion

#### After Holy Communion

- Please return to your pew and replace your mask, if not already done so.

#### At End of Mass

- Once Fr Vic has left the sanctuary Stewards will direct you to leave the church
- Please depart promptly to enable the Stewards to clean and sanitise.
- Please take all "paperwork" home with you and leave pews entirely clear.
- Please continue to wear your mask until you have left the church environs
- Please disperse promptly and maintain social distancing at all times

THANK YOU to all our parishioners for following these Rules and Regulations. We all wish it could be otherwise, but for now we must thank God for small mercies in being able to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at all! Following these Rules strictly is the best chance we have of keeping it going.

Finally, please remember gatherings of more than 6 people inside or out is against the Law and I am responsible both canonically and legally for ensuring compliance. Fr Vic