

*** CORONA VIRUS PRECAUTIONS ***

Having received guidelines from the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, we in Feltham would like to invite you all to follow some easy procedures which should be the norm during any flu season:

1. Please follow the simple guidelines from the NHS which is displayed around the church: **CATCH IT** – sneeze/cough into a tissue; **BIN IT** – bin the tissue; **KILL IT** – wash your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser; and do not touch your face unless you have washed your hands.
2. Communion will only be given on your hand **not** on the tongue. The Chalice has been suspended for the time being.
3. Also, when we exchange the sign of peace instead of shaking other people's hands just join our hands and bow to each other.
4. Remove holy water stoups
5. Public veneration of the statues around the church should **NOT** be by kissing or touching them.
6. Priests and altar servers to wash or sanitise their hands before and after Mass.
7. Eucharistic Ministers are to wash or sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion.
8. Hand sanitisers are at the back of the Church for everyone to use either on the way in or the way out. Unfortunately, due to demand stocks are low, our suppliers have run out and not expecting another delivery until next week. If you have your own, please use them or wash your hands.
9. If anyone has flu like symptoms, or long term conditions please stay at home and avoid large gatherings.
10. When visiting parishioners at home, Priests and Eucharistic Ministers should wash their hands before and after giving the sacrament. No pastoral visits to those who are self-isolating, but you can speak to a priest on the phone.
11. Follow advice from staff of care homes or hospitals before visiting.
12. Volunteers doing cleaning or those helping with the Night Shelter food preparation or serving please wear gloves/aprons. These are available.
13. The use of shared hymn books and missals has been suspended as it could help transmit the disease.
14. Anyone with cold or flu symptoms please refrain from attending Liturgy, public events or the Sacrament of Reconciliation if symptomatic (it may be an ordinary cold but equally important to ensure a precautionary approach.
15. Regular cleaning of surfaces lots of people touch regularly i.e. door handles before and after every Mass.
16. The offertory collection baskets have been suspended. Instead at the end of Mass there will be two collectors with buckets at the entrance to the Church for everyone to put their offering in.
17. Suspended catering (teas, coffees, etc) at large parish gatherings where multiple people touch mugs, utensils, biscuits, etc.