

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PUBLIC MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE PARISH
AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:**

**At Blackmore Park: Thursday at 10.00am
 Saturday at 4.00pm**

At St Joseph's Upton Sunday at 10.00am

**For the Sacrament of Reconciliation please ring 01684 592602 to
make an appointment.**

For other information:

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Parish website: www.stjosephupton.co.uk

As I mentioned last week Mass will be different. There will be no singing, no bidding prayers, a shorter homily and no offertory procession. At the Mass, after the Lamb of God the Celebrant will raise the Host and say: "The Body of Christ" to which all answer, "Amen." Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, in the hand and in silence, as parishioners are leaving the Church. I will celebrate Mass privately as before on the other weekdays.

There will a limit on the number of people attending because of social distancing (24 in St Joseph's and 48 in Blackmore) and the Service will be supervised by a steward. It will be a matter of first come first served. When the Church reaches its capacity no further entry will be allowed. Face masks must be worn and it is the responsibility of parishioners to provide their own masks. Please be aware of the Government advice that people over 70 or those with underlying health issues are more vulnerable and so should limit social contact. Bearing this in mind, clergy, volunteers and parishioners in this group may, preside, volunteers or attend Mass. It is for the individual to make an informed decision. There is no Sunday obligation during this period so feel free to select which ever Mass is convenient. There will still be Masses being streamed on the Internet for those who prefer to remain at home. There will be some provision for families sitting together.

I thank all who have volunteered to Steward and Cleaners of the Churches, without them we will be unable to celebrate Mass. If you wish to volunteer do let me know.

