



Dear Father/Deacon

May I first of all wish you a Happy New Year. In the words of the Book of Numbers: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.

This morning I received the attached guidance from the Bishops' Conference. As you can see Mass and other acts of worship can continue as normal following the Covid-security guidance that has been published by the Bishops' Conference after consultation with officials from Public Health England and MHCLG. It is important that we observe these regulations for our own good and the good of the wider community.

In particular please observe the regulations on social distancing and face coverings. May I also remind you that Communion must only be distributed on the hand.

I realise this is going to be a difficult time for us all. I would like to thank you for the pastoral care you give to parishioners and other people with whom you come into contact especially those who are vulnerable and feel isolated.

Please pray for one another and for all people in our diocese as we enter this new period of Covid-19.

With my best wishes and prayers.

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