

St. Augustine's R.C. Church

Christmas Masses

The Church is encouraging us to make full use of the Christmas Octave this year, which runs from Christmas Day until the 1st January. The Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself so accordingly you may choose to avoid the busier Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and come and celebrate the mystery of Christmas with the same sense of joy and solemnity on one of the other days during the Octave when Masses will be at the usual times.

We must continue to work to the government's Covid guidelines including the wearing of face masks 1metre+ social distancing and no congregational singing etc. Accordingly our capacity at each Mass will remain substantially reduced and as a result, for the busier Masses over Christmas you will need to register in advance.

You will need to register in advance for the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Sat 26th evening and the Sunday 27th Masses.

Capacity at each Mass will be a maximum of 50.

Please add your name and the name of anyone who will be joining you to the Registration Forms that are on the Notice Board in the Narthex. Please place a bracket around your family/bubble group where appropriate to help us allocate seating for you in the most efficient way.

At this stage until we ascertain the level of demand for each Mass please only register to attend 1 of these busier Mass dates/times.

If you are unable to visit the Narthex to add your name to the Registration Form then in case of need please phone the Presbytery on 01634 377396 or e-mail parkwood@rcaos.org.uk and Father will do this for you.

After careful consideration it has been decided not to hold a Midnight Mass this Christmas although to help with the numbers and to offer greater choice an additional Mass will be held on Christmas Eve at 4.00 p.m. This will be followed by the usual Christmas Eve 6.00 p.m. Mass.

Mass on Christmas Day will be at the usual times of 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

Hopefully the above will allow you to plan ahead and decide on a date within the Christmas Octave when you can come along and celebrate your Christmas Mass without any risk of overcrowding or being turned away due the Church being full to capacity.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Penetential Service

There will be a Penetential Service on Sunday 13th December at 3.30 p.m. There will be no requirement to register for this in advance.