

COVID 19 Lockdown guidelines

Effective from 06 January 2021

Close your church: Your church should now be closed to the public for Mass and private worship. This is expected to last throughout January.

Funerals: A funeral can take place in your parish with a maximum of 20 participants, including the priest. Post funeral gatherings cannot take place. Face coverings do not need to be worn by the priest leading a funeral service.

Weddings: These can take place with a maximum of five participants, including the celebrant (six if translator required). Face coverings must be worn by those attending a wedding, except for the couple and the priest.

Baptisms: Unless required *in extremis*, Baptisms should not take place.

Last Sacraments: Emergency callouts – the arrangements will vary between different hospitals/care homes. Please follow all the safety protocols provided by them.

Livestreaming: You may use your church for livestreaming a Mass without a congregation. When broadcasting on social media or YouTube or website do not use music that is subject to copyright unless you have a licence. BCOS guidelines can be found at:

<https://www.bcos.org.uk/Portals/0/Documents/BCOS%20Live%20streaming%20policy%20FINAL.pdf>

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Scottish Government coronavirus guidance

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/>