

FOXROCK PARISH

Risk Assessment Report

Key Points

CG Business Consulting has devised a Covid 19 Report with the intention of providing a standardised approach to reopening Parish Church services in Ireland.

Their Risk Assessment Report of Foxrock Parish in June 2020 consolidates the practical measures that have been implemented in the Parish. Those measures include:

- A Covid Compliance Officer has been nominated;
- Covid 19 signage in place both within and outside the Church, carrying all Covid 19 information including markings for social distancing, hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette;
- Entry to the Church by the Main Door and exit by the side doors, thereby operating a one-way pedestrian system within the Church;
- Accessibility is in place for persons with mobility issues;
- Ventillation in the Church is adequate, with doors and windows open during Masses and ceremonies;
- Seating has been designated in compliance with social distancing requirements;
- A place has been designated for emergency illness occurring during Masses or Ceremonies;
- Deep cleaning takes place twice weekly and sanitising the Church takes place daily;
- Hand sanitisers are provided in all entry and exit points and porches;
- Deep cleaned and sanitised door mats are in place at entry and exit points;
- Stewarding is in place for all Masses and Ceremonies;
- Face masks and hand sanitiser are provided to all stewards;

- Face masks are to be worn within the Church as within other indoor settings;
- Holy Communion is distributed behind shields by Ministers of the Eucharist wearing face masks, is placed in the hand only, at the end of Masses;
- Holy Water fonts are taken out of service;
- Baskets (usually passed around) for the First and Second Collections have been taken out of circulation. Instead, there are fixed donation points at entry and exit porches in the Church and a facility on the Parish website to donate online;
- Information on the Covid 19 measures undertaken by the Parish is provided to the parish website and updated regularly;
- Electric fan and hand dryer in the Rest Room are out of service and have been replaced with paper hand towels with an appropriate disposal unit;
- Records of volunteer stewards and persons involved in various ministries are retained for contact tracing purposes;
- Records of persons attending Sunday Masses are retained for contact tracing purposes;
- High risk groups are advised to stay away from the Church. When they do attend, they must wear face masks and observe social distancing, hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette;
- Glass screens have been installed in the Parish Office and one parishioner is admitted to the Office at a time;
- Accommodation and arrangements for staff are in order.