

# THE REOPENING OF CHURCHES FOR MASS



The Government has now announced that as from the 4 July 2020 churches in England may reopen for public worship. A list of FAQ is available [here](#).

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME ?

### IS MY CHURCH OPEN?

Please keep checking your [parish website](#) for updates

Churches can open only when it is safe to do so. It is crucial to ensure that we are fully compliant in terms of physical distancing and to satisfy government requirements that are designed to make safety paramount in public gatherings.

### STEWARDS NEEDED

### 1000 VOLUNTEERS

In order to reopen safely, we need volunteer stewards.

Could you help in your parish?

### THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS REMAINS SUSPENDED

As there is no Sunday obligation, we are being asked to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people. Opportunities to follow live-streamed Masses will continue.

### OFFERTORY

### £300K CASH

Across the Diocese our churches are losing about £300k in cash each month due to lost Offertory collections. Also, we are all being encouraged to handle cash less. If you are able to, could you consider setting up a [standing order](#), or continue supporting your parish with [online giving](#)?

*We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances.*