

**S. Agatha's Catholic Church – COVID-19 Risk Assessment**  
**upon re-opening of church building, from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, for periods of private prayer,**  
**adoration of Blessed Sacrament and opportunity to light votive candles,**  
**and for beginning of public celebration of Mass (from 5<sup>th</sup> July) for limited numbers**

What are the hazards?	What harm might be caused?	Who might be harmed?	What precautions or control measures are being put in place?	Any further measures needed?	Actioned? By whom and when?
A non-physically distanced group assembling at church door seeking entry	Transmission of Covid19 resulting in potential serious injury or death	Anyone gathering around door of church in breach of distancing.	Provision of a steward at the building's entrance to encourage/attempt to enforce distancing.		Fr John Maunder 15/06/2020
People entering building with unwashed hands.	Transmission of Covid19 resulting in potential serious injury or death	Anyone in the building who touches something that the "unwashed" has touched.	High-alcohol-level sanitiser pump on table at church entrance, with appropriate signage, and presence of a steward to encourage use.		"
Movement generally within the building	Transmission of Covid19 resulting in potential serious injury or death	Anyone in the building if others' movement breaches distancing requirements.	Steward directs people to 2m-distanced numbered pews (1 per individual, or 2 together if from same household or within "support bubble". One-way system marked with arrows on floor, plus signage.		"
Touching of door handles & pews for support and when taking seat (church	Transmission of Covid19 resulting in potential serious injury or death	Anyone in the building who touches the same items.	Pew not to be re-used when person has vacated (when church open for prayer). Anti-bacterial cleaning of all touched furniture etc once building closed, and after Mass, all furniture anti-bacterially		"

doors kept open)			cleaned.		
Lighting votive candles without compromising hygiene.	Transmission of Covid19 resulting in potential serious injury or death	Anyone else lighting candles, touching lights already handled by others or sharing the same lighting taper.	Some votive candles will be pre-placed and attendees are invited to bring their own means of lighting them.		“
Speaking loudly or singing at Mass, creating “aerosol droplets”	Transmission of Covid19 resulting in potential serious injury or death	Anyone in the building.	No congregational singing permitted. Any cantor to be far removed from congregation (sanctuary or gallery). Reader at lectern and celebrant at altar to be distanced from congregation.		“
Distribution of Holy Communion at Mass (one kind only)	Transmission of Covid19 resulting in potential serious injury or death	Communicants receiving Host from celebrant, and celebrant if he inadvertently touches communicants’ hands or tongues.	Celebrant to sanitise hands immediately prior to, and after, distribution, and even at points during distribution if touched.		“
Anti-bacterial cleaning of furniture etc after the closing of church when Mass or the period of private prayer is over.	Transmission of Covid19 resulting in potential serious injury or death	Volunteer cleaners, and future attendees if cleaning done inadequately.	Those volunteering for post-opening cleaning provided with disposable gloves and cleaning materials, and invited, if they wish, to bring their own mask and apron.		“