

## Guidelines for Holy Matrimony during COVID 19

Holy Matrimony is one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. The Church delights to be a witness of the love you share with one another. By celebrating this sacrament, you allow God to become present to both of you and to your family and friends gathered with you on this special day. At this joyful occasion, it is also our responsibility to protect our fellow parishioner's health by following the protocols laid down for COVID 19. In the light of the looming pandemic, some guidelines have been developed for the health and safety of all.

**Guests /Number in Attendance:** The maximum number of people allowed on church premises may not exceed **50**. This number excludes the bride, groom and the priest. Please register the guest details (name, address & contact number) with the church office 10 days prior to the wedding date. They will have to undergo all safety measures installed in the church.

**Face Mask:** All guests **must** properly wear a face mask at all times while in the church premises.

**Sanitization of hands:** All guests **must** sanitize their hands upon entering the church. It is highly recommended to carry a personal sanitizer at all times.

**Social Distancing:** All guests **must** maintain social distancing when in church premises. Pews have been marked with white ribbons to assist you in seating arrangement.

**Choir:** Choir members are to **follow** all safety measures as mentioned earlier i.e face masks, social distancing etc.

**Decorations:** This is permitted only for the **first three benches (both sides)** of the **middle wing**.

**Photography / Videography:** Photographers and videographers are **permitted** to record the ceremony subject to following all health and safety protocols mentioned earlier.

**Communion:** Holy Communion may be received only in the **hand**. Please maintain a single line and the follow social distancing **yellow boxes** on the floor.

**Offertory:** All offertory gifts may be placed before the **altar**.

**Departure:** All guests are requested to depart church premises on **completion** of the ceremony. **Please refrain from socializing in the church premises.**

In case of any clarifications, please get in touch with Ms. Jacqueline Mary or Mr. Anand Matthew or Mr. Ajit Dung Dung.

The church reserves the right to modify these guidelines from time to time as it in its sole discretion as it deems appropriate. This is effective from November 1, 2020 onwards.

We thank you in advance for cooperating with all the guidelines considering our responsibility to the common good, to the wider community.