

Guidelines for Baptism during COVID 19

The pandemic of 2020 has disrupted our lives but could not triumph the entry of a new life in our midst. We welcome your newborn into the life of faith and the community of the Catholic Church. As we enjoy this happy moment, it is our responsibility to ensure and protect our parishioner's health by following the protocols laid down by the government.

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 **5**. Please **register** the guest details (name, address & contact number) with the church office **7 days prior** to the date of Baptism. 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.

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

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.