



Update on the wearing of masks **6 August 2020**

Message from **His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos**

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” **(Philippians 2:4)**. This verse leads us, in the spirit of serving one another, to place the needs and protection of others before our own interests, comfort and convenience.

Following updated national guidance, the wearing of masks or appropriate face coverings during services is now a mandatory requirement to minimise the risk of infection among all taking part.

I thank you all for your patience and faithfulness in adhering to everything that has been asked of you so far, and remind you that in following this guidance, we do so in order to safeguard the well-being of all those taking part in our church services, especially those most vulnerable.

My prayer is that we journey safely through this challenging time together, and rejoice once again very soon in one another’s company in our churches once this has all passed.”

Key Updated Guidance as of 31.07.20

- **Masks:** All those attending church services are required to bring and wear their own masks or appropriate face coverings
- **Holy Communion:** Masks should be removed in preparation for the receiving of Holy Communion
- **Cantors, deacons, choir:** Those serving in the Sanctuary and in the chorus are required to wear masks for the duration of the service

As you will be aware, the situation regarding Coronavirus is changing on an almost daily basis, and the Diocese will keep you informed as the need arises.