

كنيسة الروح القدس الكاثوليكية، غالا
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH, GHALA
(Parish of the Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia)



CIRCULAR

21 December 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Sub: Limited resumption of Holy Masses

We are happy to announce that Holy Masses will resume at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Ghala, with effect from **Tuesday, 22 December 2020**, following the kind decision of the Omani authorities to allow the reopening of places of worship. Attendance however is limited and subject to strict guidelines designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Based on the instructional guidelines prescribed by the authorities concerned, attendance and worship at Ghala Catholic Church are allowed subject to the following:

i) **Online Registration:** Entry into the Church will be strictly limited to only those who register in advance to attend a specific service (Mass timings listed below). A special online link created on our website (<https://holyspirtchurchoman.org>) allows parishioners to register their details. Upon successful completion of the registration, you will receive an SMS (text message) on your phone, which must be displayed to secure entry into the Church for the desired service. Every individual of ages 12 to 65 years is required to register online to gain entry into the Church.

ii) **Entry limits for children and elderly:** Children below 12 years and the elderly above 65 years will not be allowed to enter the Church premises for the present period in line the government's pandemic mitigation measures.

iii) **Early arrival:** Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the service to be processed and seated in the Church in line with safety and social distancing norms prescribed by the authorities. A minimum distance of 1.5 meters is mandatory between individuals.

iv) **Symptomatic cases:** Please stay at home if you are sick or having any symptoms of COVID 19 or exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus.

v) **Loitering restricted:** Parishioners and visitors are strictly advised to leave the Church premises immediately after the service.

Other measures

- No entry into the Church without online registration. (<https://holyspirtchurchoman.org>)
- Wear a face mask at all times
- Use hand sanitizer placed at the entrances
- Touching of images of Saints, Bible, Hymn books are prohibited.
- Washrooms and toilets will remain totally closed.
- No choir during the services.
- All footwear must be left outside the Church
- No air-conditioning during the service.





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Mass Timings

Christmas Vigil Mass (24 Thursday 2020)

Christmas Carols: 8.00 pm (live stream)

Christmas Solemn Vigil Mass: 8.30 pm (live stream)

Christmas Day: 7.00 am, 11.00 am (live stream), 4.00 pm, 7.15 pm (live stream)

New Year Eve Mass (31 Thursday 2020)

Thanksgiving Holy Hour: 8.00 pm (live stream)

New Year Solemn Mass: 09.00 pm (live stream)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (1 Friday 2021)

Masses: 7.00 am, 11.00 am (live stream), 4.00 pm, 07.15 pm (live stream)

Obligation Masses

Friday: 7.00 am, 11.00 am (live stream), 4.00 pm, 7.15 pm (live stream)

Saturday: 9.00 am, 7.15 pm

Sunday: 6.00 am, 5.00 pm, 8.00 pm

Weekly Masses

Mon - Thu: 6 am & 7.15 pm.

We appeal to all our parishioners to scrupulously abide by these guidelines when visiting the Church. Kindly be advised that anyone found violating these guidelines are liable to legal action and other penalties by the authorities.

Dear Brothers and Sister, have a holy, peaceful and blessed Christmas. And may the blessings of this time last not for one night but throughout the coming year. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and Bright New Year. Thank you for your kind support throughout the year.

God Bless you all,

Fr. George Vadukut
Parish Priest

