



APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF NORTHERN ARABIA

OUR LADY OF ARABIA PARISH

26, Mid 5, Block 10, KOC 60000, Ahmadi Kuwait

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OUR LADY OF ARABIA CHURCH, AHMADI, WILL REOPEN ITS DOOR TO THE FAITHFUL ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2020

GUIDELINES FOR RE-OPENING

(TO BE STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PARISHIONERS)

Precautions :

- Mass attendance will be based on online registration. **(No appointment, no entry)**
- Always wear proper face mask **(No mask, no entry)**
- Wearing of masks and temperature checks are mandatory at entrance and anyone refusing to comply with the safety methods will be denied access to Church.
- While hand rubs / sanitizers are provided in the Church, everyone is advised to carry along their own sanitizers.
- Children 15 years and below & Adults aged 65 years will not be allowed to attend mass inside the Church or anywhere in the Church premises.
- Persons who have cough, cold, fever, difficulty in breathing and other health conditions may participate in the online mass on facebook. Please stay home and refrain from coming to Church to protect others from potential risk or infection.
- Practice safe distancing at all times.
- **Rest rooms / toilets will be closed.**

Entrance & Exit

- The Main Entrance of the Church will be used exclusively for entry to Church.
- The Sacristy is strictly for the use of the Priests. Public entrance in the Sacristy is strictly forbidden.
- The exits will be from the Annex.
- Follow the signs of entrance and exit doors.
- Do not crowd during entrance and exit. Practice safe distancing and follow markers.
- Volunteers will be present to help and assist. Everyone is expected to be courteous and co-operative at all times.

Inside the Church

- There will be no confessions in the Church but Priests are allowed to decide on individual confessions as permissible.
- Follow the markers in the Church to adhere to physical distancing.
- Avoid touching or kissing the images or statues of the Saints inside the Church.
- There will be no offertory processions.



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- For Offertory, collection bags with long handle will be used for love offerings, tithes and donations.
- No handshake or touching hands while exchanging the 'Sign of Peace'. A gentle bow accompanied with a smile is acceptable.
- Approach the Priest / Eucharistic Minister with mask on and stretched arms to receive communion with bare hands (without gloves).
- After dismissal, parishioners are requested to head home. No gathering in the Church premises.
- Kindly co-operate with the volunteers at all times.

Restrictions

- Masses in Church will be held only on Fridays (as per schedule) and participation will be by prior registration only.
- Saturday to Thursday masses will be live on Facebook and will not be open to public.
- Parish Office appointment is strictly by appointment only.
- Prayer meetings, condolence meetings, any other form of gatherings, house visits and house blessings are not allowed until further notice.
- Conferring the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage are allowed with limited number of attendees and strictly by appointment only. Please contact Parish office.
- Mass offerings for the following week to be placed in envelopes and dropped in the box placed at the exit.
- Parking must observe at least one meter distancing as directed by the head of police.

These guidelines may be updated / changed anytime, without prior notice, based on the current health situation, the co-operation of the parishioners and in conformity to Ministry directives.

Please visit the website www.avona.org for updates on the overall Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia.

Compliance to these guidelines are required for our Church to remain open to serve you.

Yours in Christ,


Fr Alfredo Guran Micua OFM Cap
Parish Priest

