

LOCKDOWN LOWDOWN



The Scottish Government's route map document gives details of a four phase move out of the current state of lockdown. **How does this affect our churches?**

PHASE 1

No public gatherings except for meetings of two households, outdoors and with physical distancing.

(EXPECTED TO BEGIN 28 MAY)

PHASE 2

Places of worship open for private prayer under physical distancing rules and hygiene safeguards.

Marriages and other types of ceremonies to take place with minimal number of attendees.

(CHURCHES RE-OPEN)

PHASE 3

Places of worship open to extended groups subject to physical distancing/hygiene safeguards.

Relaxation of restrictions to attend funerals and marriages beyond close family.

PHASE 4

Mass gatherings resume in line with public health advice.

All ceremonies can take place, with improved hygiene and other precautions.

Source: Covid-19 Route Map, page 44 under 'Gatherings and Occasions'. These dates not confirmed and subject to circumstances and data changes.

OUR BISHOPS

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) has set up a group for phased reopening of our churches

COVID-19 WORKING GROUP



Infection Control

Will create an infection Control Protocol to govern the phased reopening of churches.



Liturgical Norms

Will create new liturgical advice to govern the celebration of Mass and other sacraments

OUR DIOCESE

We will follow the the health and safety protocols issued by BCOS in line with Government guidance



PREPARING NOW

We are busy preparing support for our parishes ahead of restrictions being lifted.



INFORMED CLERGY

Archbishop Cushley is keeping our priests updated with guidance from BCOS ahead of Phase 2.



HELP YOUR PARISH

Your parish priest will need volunteers to assist when churches reopen. Please support him!