



DECREE

Further to the special pastoral measures introduced in Lancaster Diocese due to the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, by this decree, I announce that these measures will be rescinded on Pentecost Sunday 5th June 2022.

This means that:

1. The Sunday and Holyday Obligation to attended Mass in person is now restored, save for illness and other scenarios where the obligation cannot be fulfilled.
2. Abstaining from eating meat on a Friday and on other days of abstinence is restored.
3. The requirements of canon 920, regarding the annual reception of Holy Communion around Easter is restored.

Individual permissions to re-open churches were given by the Diocesan Chancellor. All churches are now deemed to have had permission to re-open.

At this time, the Covid-19 guidance last issued by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on 28th January 2022 should be followed, as should any further guidance, if issued. Currently, congregational reception of Holy Communion from the chalice remains suspended by this guidance.

Given at Lancaster on 25th May 2022

Signed, 

Bishop of Lancaster



Chancellor

