



7 July 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Churches in the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur begin to reopen for the celebration of public Masses, we understand that many of us are eager to 'Come Home to Holy Family Kajang' to participate in the Holy Mass.

We are happy to inform you that we are currently working towards a possible public Mass on **Sunday, July 19th at 10.00 a.m.** Together with a host of volunteers and advisors we have been working to ensure we are thoroughly prepared to keep everyone safe and healthy at Mass. In these weeks leading up to our first Mass we will err on the side of caution; if any area requires more attention and preparation this date may be further postponed.

Many members of our parish family will not be able to come home during this time, due to considerations of age, health and vulnerability, and the compliance measures set by the authorities. Most Reverend Archbishop Julian Leow Beng Kim has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass as churches closed preceding the Movement Control Order and the dispensation continues to remain in effect. The Archdiocese will continue to make Masses available to the faithful through such means as internet livestream, thereby ensuring that all of us continue to maintain a spiritual communion with the church and with each other.

The following are some important updates for parishioners who wish to register to for Mass. It is important to remember that these measures are based on current guidelines by the authorities and Archdiocese and are subject to change.

Registration Process

- The registration for Mass will be conducted online on our website www.hfckajang.org.my. A week prior to the Mass the registration portal will be activated. Notices will be issued on our website, social media channels and our Telegram account @ <https://t.me/holyfamilykajang>.
- The current guidelines by the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur allow for registrations by parishioners aged 13 to 69 only. Successful registrants will receive further instruction via WhatsApp. Those exhibiting symptoms like fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory issues, flu or cold are not permitted to attend Mass at Church. Those who have diabetes, cancer and other issues that may put you in the high-risk groups are not encouraged to attend.
- Only 320 parishioners can be accommodated in the church building and as such, we will need to take turns to participate in the Mass. It may be several weeks before you can attend the next Mass, so while registrations are treated as first come first served, repeat registrations may not be successful.
- This is a large undertaking and we will need volunteers to ensure the successful implementation of the SOPs. Registration for volunteers will be made available on our parish website.

Preparing to attend Mass

- If you are unwell on the day of your assigned Mass, please stay home and seek medical treatment soonest possible. Email cominghome2hfk@gmail.com to be rescheduled to a future Mass.
- Ensure you register for the SELangkah or MySejahtera app on your phone, and download a QR code scanner app. These will be required for registration as you enter the church.



Precautionary measures in Church

- Please bring with you sufficient face masks and personal hand sanitiser to sanitise hands before and after receiving Holy Communion. You may also wish to bring handheld fan as the air conditioning will be turned off just before Mass begins.
- Facemasks are to be worn at all times inside the church and church compound, and physical distance must be maintained. Seating inside the church is pre-assigned and must be adhered to.
- Offertory collections must be placed in the box provided as you enter or leave the church. It is recommended that the faithful make use of electronic giving. Further details are available here: <http://www.hfckajang.org.my/bulletin/2020/04/22/keep-our-church-going>.
- Scan and fill in the required details on the SELangkah or MySejahtera app. You must also scan the QR code displayed on your pew to fill in the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur's form.
- During Mass, the faithful should not hold hands during the Lord's Prayer, and the physical Sign of Peace is omitted. Please keep your face masks on when coming forward to receive Communion, lowering the covering just prior to receiving the Eucharist by hand.
- It is our personal responsibility to keep the Church clean. Please ensure you do not leave any rubbish such as tissue, paper, food and facemasks inside the church.
- After the dismissal, please leave the Church immediately in an orderly fashion and do not linger to socialize. During this period, there will be no individual blessing or blessing of children after Mass.
- As per the guidelines, the use of the restrooms is for emergencies only.

The reopening of our Church and the coming home of our parishioners requires strict adherence to the processes and precautionary measures in place. Please follow the instructions of our friendly volunteers for the common good of our Church and community, or we may risk the health of our parish family and necessitate the closure of our church.

The Mass you may attend in the weeks ahead will look and feel quite different from the Mass you remember from four months ago. It will be imperative for all of us to work together during these times. We should view these measures as not restrictions, but an opportunity to live out our faith with love, understanding, patience and kindness.

Follow us on our official channels on our website, social media channels and our Telegram account @ <https://t.me/holyfamilykajang> to receive updates and more information which will be shared in the coming days. If you have questions or suggestions please call the church office at +603 87331154 or email cominghome2hfk@gmail.com.

Please join us in praying for the continued intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth to keep our parishioners at home encouraged and connected to the Body of Christ, and our parishioners who will be coming home to HFK to remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Reverend Fathers Andrew Kooi, Philip Chua and Vincent Thomas
Priests of the Church of the Holy Family, Kajang