

Boosterstown Parish Church Guidelines for Reopening

Guidelines for those attending Sunday and Weekday Mass:

- **Only 50 persons** (in accordance with the recent Government announcement) will be permitted inside the church, allowing for social distancing. The pews have been marked out accordingly. Any overflow, within the approved number will be seated in the Auditorium and the Gilmore Room, subject to social distancing. There will be stewards to guide people to their seats, who will keep numbers and decide when maximums have been reached.
- **Entrance:** There will be one entrance only, the main entrance and people will go up by the middle aisle and down by the pillars to access the side aisle seats. It will be essential to arrive early to Mass, 15 minutes beforehand, to ensure the adequate seating of all, either in the church or the Pastoral Centre. Sanitisers will be available on entering the church.
- **Distribution of Holy Communion:** there will only be one Minister of the Eucharist, in addition to Fr. Gerry, at each Mass. The Ministers of the Eucharist and the Word and the cantor will be seated in the sanctuary area during Mass.
- **Ministers of the Eucharist** will be supplied with their own personal visor to wear during the distribution of Holy Communion and will sanitise their hands thoroughly before and after the distribution of the Eucharist.
- **Approaching for Holy Communion:** Communicants will come up the middle aisle only in single file and receive Holy Communion from the Minister closest to the aisle at which they were seated. There will be a hand sanitiser for those who wish to re-sanitise their hands as they approach for Holy Communion. If a person has mobility problems, the minister will bring Holy Communion to them.
- **Final Blessing:** After Mass, parishioners will leave by the side door at the back, exiting at the Celtic Cross or through the connecting door leading to the Pastoral Centre. The toilets in the Centre will not be available for public use.
- **Holy Communion to the Housebound:** Please let Fr. Gerry or the Parish Secretary know if there is a parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion at home.
- **Cleaning of the church:** the church is cleaned professionally twice per week. After the celebration of each Mass the seats will be wiped down by church volunteers and we are most grateful for the offers of assistance we have received for this task and for stewarding.

The **first weekend Masses** will be celebrated on **4th and 5th July** at the usual Mass times of Vigil at 6 o'clock and Sundays at 9 am and at 11 am. As choirs are no longer permitted, Kevin Sheldrick and a cantor will provide the music at the Vigil and 11 am Masses and Albert Jhosa will play the organ and sing at 9.00 am Mass.