

Guidelines for those attending Sunday and Weekday Mass:

(Updated 24 June 2020)

Only the permitted number of 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 Gillmor 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. Holy Communion will be brought to the Gillmor Room and the Auditorium.

- **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 be two Ministers of the Eucharist, in addition to Fr. Gerry, at each weekend Mass. One of these Ministers will be accompanied by a Minister to bring Holy Communion to those in the Gillmor Room watching on webcam. 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. Ministers should collect their visor from Adrienne in the Pastoral Centre and need to sign for it.

- **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, they should remain seated and the minister will bring Holy Communion to them after the general distribution. Church Collections: In accordance with new regulations, there will not be basket collections. Collection buckets, clearly marked Common Fund (1st Collection) and Share (2nd Collection), will be available as you enter and exit the church. There are special envelopes available in the church porch and these can be used also and returned to the parish.

Parishioners are welcome to use the Donate button on the parish website to contribute to the collections if they prefer not to handle cash.

- **Final Blessing:** After Mass, please 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. Holy

Communion can be brought to a person who is housebound by a Minister of Holy Communion or preferably by a family member or relative of the person who is housebound.

- **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 to them. They have been provided with masks and gloves for their protection.

Timetable of Masses: 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. There will play an organ and soloist at 9 am Mass. Once again may I remind you of the necessary of arriving early for Mass.

The **Parish Office** remains open on weekday mornings to receive emails and phone calls and to assist you with any queries you may have. Mass cards are available also.