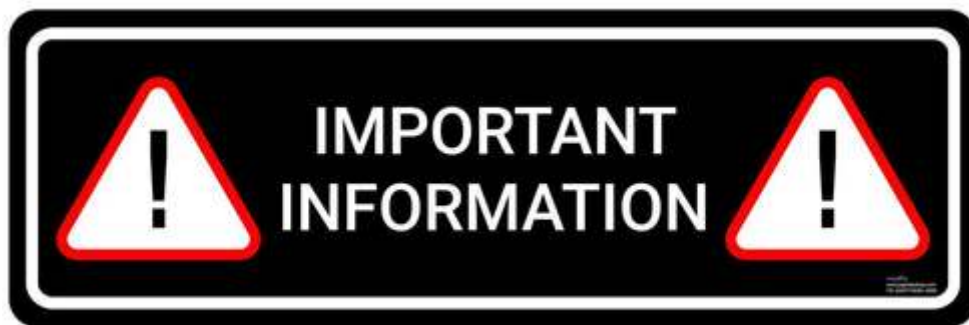


RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES



As of today – Sunday 5th July – **public Masses will resume** at St. Patrick's.

It must be emphasised that we are not out of the woods with regard to Covid-19, so it is essential for all our health and safety, and to fulfil our legal obligations, that the following procedures be strictly adhered to.

1. **Sunday Mass** will be at **9am, 10am, and 11am** and will last 30 minutes.
2. Weekday Mass will be at **9am Monday – Sunday**.
3. Please aim to arrive 20 minutes before Mass to allow for Test and Trace
4. All visitors must give their name, postcode, and phone number to the steward on arrival.
5. We have a **strict maximum of 60** people in the building at any one time.
6. Social distancing of **2m must be observed** at all times when in the building, including at all stages of the Mass.
7. Please follow all directions given by the stewards when you arrive and throughout the duration of the Mass.
8. On arrival, please follow the **one-way system**.
9. Please **sanitise your hands on arrival and on departure**.
10. A face mask is not required, but advisable if you have one.
11. Sit only at an **indicated red spot** in the church.
12. Holy Communion will be distributed in **one kind only (Host)**, from the side by Our Lady's statue.
13. Please **wait to be ushered forward** to receive Communion and remember to maintain 2m distance from the persons in front and behind you.
14. The collection will be taken as you leave the church.
15. There will be **no congregational singing**; there will be no Mass cards, hymn books, or bulletin available on site.
16. Please make your responses in a **hushed voice**, to minimise particles in the air.
17. You may choose to go to a different 9am weekday Mass if you wish to be certain to get a seat.
18. Toilets will not be available except the **narthex toilet**.

Please be aware that we are obligated to maintain our stated maximum capacity of 60. We ask for your understanding if you arrive for Mass and our capacity has already been reached.

There is **NO SUNDAY OBLIGATION**. There is no obligation to attend Mass at any time for the foreseeable future.

MASS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED AS USUAL

- The equipment will obscure the view of the altar.

- Live filming will be taking place; if you have concerns about this, please speak to one of the stewards. The equipment has been placed centrally to minimise the possibility of parishioners appearing in the recording, for which we would need your permission. Please know that viewing Mass online is perfectly acceptable for the duration of this pandemic.

We are able to take bookings again for **Baptisms** and **Marriages**.

It is a great joy to welcome the parish back for this limited celebration of public worship. We continue to pray for our entire community and long for the day when we can all gather again safely. In the meantime, we thank you for understanding the need for these regulations and for adhering to them.