

St Mary's Parish, Drogheda

Sunday 5th July, 2020
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Hospital Visitation: is not possible at the moment, however please continue to inform Fr Phil or Fr Ciprian if a relative is ill or in hospital.

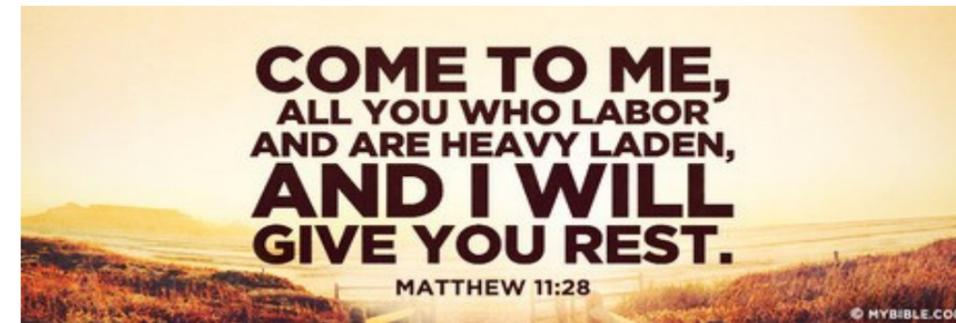
The return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments commenced on June 29th.

This is a source of joy and hope to our parish community. However, **The 50 people limit remains.** Morning Mass has resumed at 8:00am and 10:00am while the restrictions remain in place. **The weekend Masses will be as normal.** We have installed a loudspeaker in the car park.

- » A COVID-19 **SUPPORT TEAM** is established in the parish
- » The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being. Many parishioners may wish to attend Mass on a week-day rather than at weekends.
- » Hand sanitizers are in place **permanently** at each entrance to the church.
- » Signs are in place to designate **every second seat** for use and for maintaining physical (social) distancing.
- » **Ushers** have been recruited to direct people to available seats including exit from the church, using the one-way system.
- » Thorough **cleaning** of church seats and other surfaces continues. Church seats will be cleaned with approved **sanitizing spray**.
- » Collection **baskets** will **not** be passed along during Masses; supervised collection baskets **will be available at the church doors.**
- » Ministers of the **Word** will be seated in their own seats, rather than the sacristy before Masses.
- » Ministers of **Holy Communion** will not be required to sign-in before Masses.
- » Communion should be received only on the hand.
- » Priests and Ministers of **Holy Communion** should visibly sanitize their hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion. Priests and Ministers should wear a face mask for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- » In the absence of choirs, **music ministry** will continue with a rota of instrumentalists and cantors as heretofore since Easter.
- » **People attending Sunday Mass are encouraged to take the weekly bulletin home with them.**
- » **Altar servers** will be able to maintain physical distancing in the sacristy and sanctuary.
- » **Offertory procession** and **Sign of Peace** will be omitted.
- » **Baptisms** will resume next weekend. Anyone wishing to book a baptism can do so by calling the Parish Office. Dates have been set aside in September for the children receiving their **First Holy Communion**.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Sunday 5th July, 2020

Sunday 5th July	9:00am	Special Intention; Josephine Judge & Sean Judge & deceased members of the Judge family
	10:30am	Karen O'Brien, Denise Byrne & Rosie Rice; James, Christina & Joan Mohan; Hughie & Pauline Reilly; Frank Darcy, Richard Darcy, Kitty & Des Staehli
	12noon	Frank & Mary Smith & James Smith, Ita & Peter O'Brien Martin & Sean Geraghty & deceased members of the Keegan family
	7:00pm	Special Intention; Holy Souls
Monday	8:00am	Maureen Gleeson, Maureen Gaffney & Keith McDonald
Tuesday	8:00am	10:00am Wednesday 8:00am & 10:00am
Thursday	8:00am	10:00am Friday 8:00am & 10:00am
Saturday	10:00am	Larry Grant & deceased members of the Grant & Mc Keon families; Kathleen & Pat O'Brien; Lena Murphy. Special Intention, Caroline & Geraldine Matthews
Sunday 12th July	9:00am	LM/FM Mass
	10:30am	Aidan & Marion Mac Kenna; Margaret Tiernan
	12:00noon	Bernie Gregory <i>First Anniversary</i> ; David Mc Nally <i>First Anniversary</i>
	7:00pm	Special Intention



Returning to a "new normal"

Over the past few weeks, we have placed a huge investment, both in energy and financial resources, into preparing our Churches to be ready for the reopening of public worship. We are fortunate that there are many lay people more than willing to play their part and provide support to us.

Working together, priest and people, will be the way forward in the years to come and it is important to build up a relationship of trust.

We must be attentive to the natural fear and apprehension that some people may have. We can apply the health and safety measures and at the same time show clearly that we rejoice that the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments is an opportunity to receive new graces and support for our lives, consolation for those who have been bereaved and hope for those who are experiencing economic hardship and challenges to their health and wellbeing.

Norms are necessary but they are never just an end in themselves. We cannot auto-dispense ourselves from respecting norms that are there to protect people from Covid-19. However, we should not end up so entangled with norm-making that we overlook the fact that we are returning to the richness of celebrating Eucharist and the sacraments and to nourishing God's people with the word of God.

People should feel welcome and not frightened. We should feel encouraged in our ministry and service to renew a commitment to building faith communities in a complicated world to be communities where the love of God revealed to in Jesus Christ is witnessed to with renewed commitment.

For the moment the **Sunday obligation** is suspended and people may fulfil their obligation by attending Mass on any day of the week. You can choose to attend Mass on a day other than Sunday. Our morning Masses Monday to Friday will be streamed live at **8:00am and 10:00am**.

Our Mass on Saturday morning will be streamed live at **10:00am** and our four Masses on Sundays at **9:00am, 10:30am, 12.00 noon and 7:00pm**.

Reception of Holy Communion: our ushers will help people to receive Holy Communion and direct people to the designated mats in the church. Holy Communion will be distributed at the normal time as it is an integral part of the celebration of Eucharist.

Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass in the carpark for those who wish to listen to the Mass via our newly installed speaker outside the church.

The 50 people limit remains in place for the moment, so people will need to call the parish office on Friday mornings from 10:00am to 1:00pm to book their place at Sunday Mass.

Adoration chapel will remain closed for the moment.

A prayer for those who died...



Alice (Alacoque) Rooney, Halpin's Terrace
Margaret Lynch (née Nulty), Moran's Tce.
Maureen McDonald (née Thornton),
Ballsgrove
Brian Torley, Blackbush Avenue
Fr. Patrick Keary PE, Clara & Holy Family,
Ballsgrove; Sean Whearty, Marian Park
Tommy Fagan, Ballsgrove.
May they rest in peace



Supporting Our Parish:

Parishioners can leave their envelopes or a donation to the parish in the boxes at the back of the church or you can now use the **donate button facility on our website.** Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks. Keep safe and well.