

Dear Parishioners, firstly I would like to say a huge welcome back! It has been a very long time and you have all been missed dearly. There are quite a few important bits of information to put in these newsletter so I do apologise in advance, but please do take this home and read through it carefully. Also, one thing we have learnt over the last few months is that despite our constant asking, there is a large majority of you who have not filled out an up to date Parishioner Form, we do not have phone numbers or email addresses or home addresses, and have not been able to keep you all up to date during the past few months. YOU MUST consent to us contacting you and provide us with the means to do so, should you wish to hear from us. Please take a Parishioner form from the back of the Church and pop it through the Presbytery door, OR email/ call in with your details and verbal consent.

### **How will Mass take place now and for the foreseeable future?**

Although we are very glad our Church has been able to reopen, Mass will not be the same as before. There are very strict rules in place, set out by the Government, and we must adhere to these.

1. Everyone must wear a facemask to be allowed to enter for Mass. This is because we have chosen to stick to a 1 meter rule instead of 2, to allow more people into the Church at any one time.
2. Our current limit on people allowed into the Church for Mass at any one time is 42.
3. There will be NO SINGING during the Mass at any time.
4. There will be NO READERS at Mass during this present time.
5. There will be NO OFFERTORY PROCESSION at Mass during this present time.
6. There will be NO COLLECTION during the Mass, but there will be a collection plate at the back of the Church for your donations when you leave.
7. When receiving Communion, you must go up in pews, not all at the same time, and remain at a 1 meter distance from other households/individuals. PLEASE WAIT until you are called forward.
8. When receiving Communion, the priest will not say "The Body of Christ", and you will not say "Amen". No speaking is permitted at any time whilst receiving Holy Communion. You must also extend your arms fully to ensure a distance between you and the Priest. Communion MUST be received on the hand, and not on the tongue.
9. Once Mass has finished, we will require 4/5 people to stay behind to wipe down all of the surfaces. Please raise your hands at the end of Mass if you wish to help, this will avoid too many people staying in the Church after Mass.
10. After Mass, those not helping with the wipe down must exit promptly.
11. Mass will be on a first come, first serve basis for now.

### **STANDING ORDERS**

**As I am sure you can imagine, the Parish income has decreased rapidly over the last few months. Please please please sign up to give by Standing Order if you can.**