

## **WE ARE BACK FOR PUBLIC MASS!!!**

A big thank you to everyone in relation to last weekend's public masses. To the volunteers for assisting with the new arrangements and to you the congregation of St Teresa's. We all hope that the new arrangements are not off-putting for you and that indeed you find reassurance in them for your safe return to public mass. That is certainly our intention. That your experience in St Teresa's remains safe and prayerful. From our point of view everything has gone smoothly and we will continue to "tweak" any of the new arrangements if need be. Please do let us know if you notice anything. E.G: it has been brought to our attention, the poor state of the pathway from the back door of the church to the gate. So we will do some remedial work on this.

So just a few reminders for us all:

Please notice the **signs**, the seats apart, designated places, the hand sanitisers, the visors, stay in your seats for communion, entrance/exit doors, no choir, a safe for the collections, stewards to help, the toilets not available.

Our church allows for **90**, while household groups sitting together allow for some more than that.

The church is thoroughly sprayed to keep it disinfected. High touch points are cleaned daily.

We thank you for all your co-operation in tolerating these necessary changes.

**Sunday obligation is still suspended. Feel free to come to mass during the weekdays instead of Sunday; to stay at home and ask us to bring communion to you; to stay at home if you are in anyway vulnerable due to medical condition, age or symptoms.**

## **STEWARDS, CLEANERS, COLLECTORS**

We thank the stewards helping us managing the new arrangements. We also thank those who kept cleaning the church while we were in lockdown. The street-collectors for the weekly envelopes are back to knock on your door again.

**BAPTISMS:** Possible on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 2pm.

**WEDDINGS** Those can still take place, but for now with small numbers. Many couples have had to re-arrange their wedding plans.

**FUNERALS:** Attendance is now widened to up to 50 members of close family. People standing outside the church before and after funerals honouring the deceased are asked to keep the social distance of two metres between each other.

**THANK YOU!** The Parish Team & Marist Community would like to thank everyone who contacted us to wish us well and to ask how we are doing. That is great support.

**THANK YOU!** For your mindfulness to continue with the donations (Envelopes, shrines, diocese, Easter Dues, Trocaire, St Vincent de Paul, once-off donations).

**THANK YOU!** For the word of thanks by some parishioners and the donations for all we tried to do during these last months.

**A big thank you** for the whole parish is planned once we can gather in full again.

## **CHURCH GUIDE ST. TERESA**

It remains available from the sacristy or from the parish house. 1 copy: 10 Euro 2 copies: 15 Euro. The donations are to cover the printing costs and to save towards a glass cabinet for exhibition of archival objects.

## **PARISH PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT**

The plans are progressing well for the sale and building of a new parish presbytery and parish pastoral centre. Legal contracts are being drawn up, drawings are being finalised and planning permission documents being prepared.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** This will be celebrated in three masses, Saturday @ 12pm, on the **11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> of July**. We ask that attendance at these First Holy Communion masses be reserved just to their family and invited guests and not to the general congregation. As you can understand this is due to the restrictions on numbers. There is the usual 10am mass on these Saturdays.

### **A POEM: JESUS OF CLONDALKIN**

*Maybe Jesus is wandering these roads tonight,  
Unrecognised, unacknowledged, utterly alone,*

*Passing half built apartment blocks investors  
own, Passing burnt-out cars, glass shards,  
twisted chrome,*

*Threading a path through Neilstown and  
Quarryvale, In Dunnes Stores white socks,  
with his jacket torn.*

*Maybe we are so adrift in our own cares that  
we fail to see whip marks, collapsed veins, his  
crown of thorns.*

Dermot Bolger (b. 1959); in Pat Boran and Gerard Smyth (eds.), *If Ever You Go. A Map of Dublin in Poetry & Song*, Dublin, Dedalus Press, 2014, p. 342.