

WE ARE BACK!!!

Since the last public mass on 24th of March, we are back now since the 29th of June. Imagine! How did we experience these months as a faith community?

A lot of work has gone into getting the church ready for the public celebration of mass again. You will immediately notice the differences. The signs, the seats apart, the stewards, designated places to sit, the hand sanitisers, the visors, to stay in your seats for communion, in one door, out another, no choir, baskets and a safe in the middle of the church for the collections, stewards to help, cleaning after all masses, the toilets not available, among other things.

And only places for 90, while household groups sitting together allow for some more than that. You see that we have been able to spread the seats out around the church to make the best use of the space, allowing for two metres social distance.

We thank you for all your co-operation and generosity of spirit in tolerating these necessary changes.

Please remember also that it still remains the case that the Sunday obligation is suspended and to 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.

PLEASE NOTE / THE NEW ROUTINE

One of the requirements from the Diocese in relation to re-opening for public masses, was to have volunteer stewards available to assist us all in managing the new arrangements in the church. We thank those who have made themselves available for this role at the various masses. If you are unsure of anything please ask one of the stewards.

BAPTISMS:

Congratulation to Romi Robinson and Jude Gorman who were baptised recently. We wish them and their families every blessing for the future. We return to the normal routine of baptisms on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 2pm. We will continue to need to restrict numbers attending.

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, Trócaire, St. Vincent de Paul, once-off donations).

THANK YOU! For the word of thanks by some parishioners on Sunday last for all we tried to do during these last months. We still think about a **big thank you** once we can have a parish festival.

DOCUMENTATION PANDEMIC 2020

In different ways we document the experience of the pandemic in our parish. In the back of the church you still see the rainbows, painted & knitted.

CHURCH GUIDE ST. TERESA

The church guide by Fr. Alois, 60 pages A4, including coloured illustrations, was published just before the imposition of the major restrictions in March. Many of you acquired a copy since then. It a wonderful production. Due to the present circumstances it is not possible to hold a launch of our Church Guide as we would like. This will take place when it is possible to do so. In the meantime, it remains available from the sacristy or from the parish house. 1 copy: 10 Euro 2 copies: 15 Euro

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 11th, 18th, and 25th 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.

WEDDINGS:

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