

WELCOME:

A very warm welcome to anyone who has ventured back to the church for the first time this weekend since the restrictions on our gatherings were introduced. We hope you find the church both prayerful and safe. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

WE ARE BACK FOR PUBLIC MASS!!!

A big thank you to everyone following the guidance. So just a few reminders: Please notice the **signs**, the seats apart, two metres social distance, the **hand sanitisers**, stay in your seats for communion, **entrance/exit doors**, no choir, a safe for the collections, stewards to help, the **toilets not** available. The church is thoroughly sprayed to keep it disinfected. High touch points are cleaned daily. **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.**

MASS INTENTIONS: By way of precaution around the restrictions on numbers allowed inside the church, we are limiting each mass to only one intention for the moment.

STEWARDS, CLEANERS, COLLECTORS:

We thank the stewards and cleaners helping us with the new arrangements. Also the street-collectors for the weekly envelopes are back to knock on your door again.

OPEN CHURCH: The church is open every day for mass and private prayer until 1pm.

BAPTISMS: Possible on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 2pm.

CONFIRMATION: As you know we were fortunate in having our parish celebration of Confirmation in March just before restrictions started to kick in. Other parishes, schools and families were not so fortunate. We have been approached by a family in the parish to hold an additional ceremony for their child and maybe a small number of others who live within the boundary of St Teresa's parish. We have discussed this with the relevant parish and hope to hold a confirmation ceremony during the 12.30pm mass on Sunday August 16th.

WEDDINGS: Those can still take place, but for now with smaller numbers. Many couples have had to re-arrange their wedding plans. There are two weddings planned for St Teresa's during the month of August.

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.

DONATIONS:

Trocaire Collection 2020: 1903 Euro

Easter Dues 2020: 2725 Euro

We thank all and everyone who faithfully supported the needs of the wider local and global church through these collections. A special word of thanks goes to the donations handed for the St Vincent de Paul Society and also those to buy **flowers for our church.** Thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- **Saturday 25th July @ 12noon:** First Holy Communion – 3rd group
- **Monday September 7th:** Parish Pastoral Council @ 8pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

A socially distanced meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council was held last Monday night – you may have seen the picture on Facebook!! At that meeting the prayer was led by Sam with a reflection on the parable of the Sower. In relation to safeguarding, we distributed copies of the last newsletter from the safeguarding office and also noted the guidance in relation to volunteers. We agreed to print 500 copies of the new Parish Pastoral Plan 2020-2025 and to distribute it to the houses similar to the way we did with the Pastoral Parcels during the time of restrictions, as well as having them available in the church and in some shops and centres in the parish area.

We reviewed the new arrangements in place for the celebration of public masses in the parish and considered the contents of document drawn up by Fr. Alois that chronicles the life and events in the parish during the time of restrictions from March to now and which continue. We highlighted the necessity to consider plans for next year, even though so much is so uncertain about the times ahead. We certainly hope to have First Communion and Confirmation preparation classes this coming year but not unlike the schools we don't know that can be arranged yet. Our next meeting will be in September

WEBCAM: As mentioned by parishioners and after the lockdown experience, thanks to a generous donation from a family, we are preparing to have a webcam installed. It is hoped to be installed in the next week or two.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please continue to pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Teresa Byrne**, late of Maryland, whose funeral took place on Tuesday.

EXPOSITION: of the Blessed Sacrament: from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm on Tuesdays

ROSARY: after 10am mass each day: Mon – Sat.

PATRICIANS: The next Patrician Meeting will take place in September.