

**St Teresa's Parish, Donore Avenue  
Christmas masses 2020**

Last year 256 people attended the Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm and 216 attended the 9pm. This year we are limited to 90 maximum due to the COVID 19 public health guidance for all our safety.

With the potential for similar numbers this year, the parish are faced with the question about how best to manage numbers for all the Christmas masses.

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Team considered this during the past week and propose the following arrangements for this year:

- Health and Safety is the first priority. The COVID 19 public health guidance needs to be followed.
- There will be extra Masses at 8am and 12.30pm on Christmas Day
- There will be two prayer services at the crib for young children (and families) on Christmas Eve and St Stephen's Day at 4pm
- Attendance at mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be by means of registration for tickets.

**Procedure for Tickets**

- ❖ Each person attending Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will need to present a ticket to a steward at the entrance door to the church.
- ❖ Tickets are available from the weekend of the 12/13<sup>th</sup> December after the weekend masses and from then on after the daily and weekend masses and from the parish house.
- ❖ A maximum of five tickets can be received by any one person – each ticket is numbered and needs to be for a named individual.
- ❖ No bookings for tickets will be taken over the phone, or by email or Facebook. Tickets need to be received in person.
- ❖ We ask people to attend one mass only over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in order to allow others to attend.

**Services this Christmas:**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>9pm</b>
	Crib prayer service	Mass with Musicians / Singers	Mass with Musicians / Singers

<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>
	Mass	Mass with Musicians	Mass with Musicians	Mass

- ✓ All parish services and Masses will be broadcast on the webcam
- ✓ The obligation to attend mass remains suspended during these pandemic times
- ✓ If you suspect you have any COVID 19 symptoms, or are vulnerable due to medical condition or age the advice remains not to come. Arrangements can be made for one of the priests or a minister of the Eucharist to bring you communion at some time over the Christmas period.

**26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Normal weekend masses plus a Crib prayer Service at 4pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Clearly this is not our preference for any liturgy in the parish but in the present COVID 19 health context we believe it is the best option for this year.

We apologise for any inconvenience or upset that the operation of this system may cause you or your family.

Please God we will see the end of the pandemic in the coming year, and we wish every parishioner and friend of St Teresa's a very happy and peaceful Christmas.