

From Monday we take the next steps of reopening our churches.
Here in St John's our Mass schedule will be as normal,

**Monday to Friday 10.00am and 5.45pm,
Saturday 10.00am and 6.00pm,
Sunday 8.00am, 10.30, 12noon and 7.00pm.**

Unfortunately, due to COVID regulations we are restricted to a maximum of 50 people. (This includes the Priest, Ministers and Stewards). We will also have to comply with Social distancing requirements. All this place's restrictions on seating and movement within the Cathedral. We ask you to cooperate with the stewards and pay attention to the signs and markings which will help to keep us safe. We understand that all of this will inconvenience you, but we are following the recommended best practice. The wearing of masks is not compulsory within the Cathedral but is highly recommended.

We remind you that the Sunday Mass obligation is lifted at this time and also that those who have underline medical difficulties, or are vulnerable would stay safely at home and continue to join us on line or the TV masses. We ask that those who can come to one of the weekday masses might do that and let Sunday to those who cannot come during the week. 50 is a small number in the circumstances and will inevitably lead to disappointment for some, unfortunately this is beyond our control, we ask for your patience and understanding.

Procedure: You will enter through the carpark door.



If there is a queue please observe social distance.

A Steward will direct you to the centre isle where another Steward will direct you to a seat. (It will not be possible for you to have your usual place) The seats will be filled from the front.

The Stewards will again assist at Communion time please follow their instructions; we will take one seat at a time.



The Exit will be through the centre doors at the front of the Cathedral

At the end of Mass there will be ten minutes grace to offer a thanksgiving prayer or light candles.

The Cathedral will then be closed so that the cleaning team can get to work. The seats have to be sanitised after each mass. Once the sanitising is done the Cathedral will open again for private prayer with restricted movement.

It will take a community effort to make this work. Remember this is just another stage in the process of reopening our Churches and thoughtful participation and care for each other will ensure its success.

Fr Noel Kirwan,
Administrator