



Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021:

Parish Newsletter



**Reflection:**

We are to love as Jesus loves, and that means that every one of us – man, woman, and child - will know in our actions, priorities, and choices who we align ourselves with. They will know through what we do with our resources, time, touch, and even our prayers that we are the ones who move into the broken world to heal it, restore it, bring it peace, and draw others together in communion. Jesus repeats the command again and again - the command I give you is this: that you love one another.

**The Easing of Restrictions on Religious Services from May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Arising from the recent announcement regarding the easing of restrictions on religious services from May 10<sup>th</sup> we have received clarification from the Office of An Taoiseach on a number of issues as follows:

Where the size of the Premises/Place of Worship allows for a **capacity of greater than 50** this may be permitted only where:

- Social distancing guidelines are adhered to
- The premises can be subdivided into distinct sections (cordoned or marked appropriately) of not more than 50 persons in each section
- There is a minimum of 4 metres between sections
- Each section having its own entrance/exit route
- There are separate arrangements for elements of the service involving close contact, for example the distribution of Holy Communion
- Strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service
- The premises is well-ventilated

· ***Funerals***

- There is an increased risk of transmission of the virus where families and communities come together following the death of a loved one.
- Therefore numbers at funeral services (and Weddings) is **capped at 50 regardless of size of premises.**
- Notwithstanding the increase in numbers permitted, funerals are still considered **private family events** and arrangements should not be advertised in newspapers or on-line.
- Funeral services should continue to be live streamed to help reduce numbers attending.
- Attendance at wakes in private homes and at Funeral Homes remains unchanged i.e. immediate family only and people should be discouraged from queuing to pay respects.

### ***Singing***

As with previous reopening for religious service congregational singing and choir singing is not permitted. Solo singing with accompanist is permitted subject to compliance with detailed guidance contained in [HSE Covid-19 Guidance for Religious Services](#).

**Outdoor Worship** is not permitted in line with Government restrictions on organised outdoor gatherings.

**Drive-in Religious Services** may take place outside places of worship (e.g. church carpark) where all attendees remain in their vehicles and no sharing of vehicle outside of family unit.

**Use of Religious premises for any other purposes/parochial activities/community meetings etc.** is not permitted in line with Government restrictions on organised indoor gatherings.

### ***Mass Times from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May***

Monday to Friday 10am & 5.45pm. Saturday 10am & 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10.30am, 12noon & 7pm.

We are so delighted to have our doors open and have the freedom to gather with each other to celebrate the Eucharist.

The following are our times of opening:

#### ***Monday to Friday 9.30am to 10.30am***

After mass we will close for 30 minutes to sanitise the building.

11am doors will be open again until 4pm, when the Cathedral will again be sanitised.

5.15pm we will open for our 5.45pm mass.

***Saturday*** 9.30am to 10.30am after mass we will close for 30 minutes to sanitise the building.

11am doors will be opened again until 4pm, when the Cathedral will again be sanitised.

5pm we will open for our 6pm (vigil) mass.

***Sunday*** doors will be open 30minutes before each mass and closed after each mass while we sanitise the building. The Cathedral will be closed between 1pm and 6.30pm when we will open for the 7pm mass.

*Fr Noel*

### ***SAVE THE DATE!!!!***

The Novena to St Anthony will take place from 5th June to 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Further details to follow.....

### ***Split the Pot***



The winner of last weekend's draw (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May) was Richard McMahon.



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