

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you and all your families are keeping safe and well.

You will have been as delighted as I am to hear that our churches may re-open for private prayer.

However, for this to happen, there are a number of matters to put in place. We must do everything we can to ensure that we do not spread the virus, harming our neighbours, and risk further restrictions or the reputation of the Catholic Church.

From **Monday 29th June**, our churches will open only for individuals, or members of the same household, to pray privately. There can be no formal gathering or group prayers. The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed at this stage.

MONDAY 9.30 – 10.30 ST PATRICK'S CHURCH* (max. 50 people)

WEDNESDAY 10.30 – 11.30 HOLY CROSS CHURCH (max 22 people)

****THURSDAY 10.30 – 11.00 VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS ONLY – HOLY CROSS CHURCH (22 people)**

FRIDAY 9.30 – 10.30 ST PATRICK'S CHURCH* (max. 50 people)

SATURDAY 10.00 – 11.00 HOLY CROSS CHURCH (max. 22 people)

SUNDAY 10.00 – 11.00 ST PATRICK'S CHURCH (max. 50 people)

***REMEMBER there are parking restrictions Monday to Saturday**

I ask you to remain alert to the risks of the virus and follow hygiene and social distancing guidelines:

- Please **stay at home** if you are unwell or have been in contact with someone else who is displaying these symptoms – a high temperature; a cough or cold; loss of smell or taste.
- Let Fr Auson know if you develop symptoms after visiting (0203 722 7573).
- Use the **sanitising gel** provided on **entering and leaving** the church.
- Bring your own **face coverings and/or gloves**.
- Follow the **instructions** of the stewards, particularly with regard to numbers and distancing.
- Do not light candles.
- Do not touch statues or other surfaces.
- There will be no holy water.
- Children are most welcome. In the interests of safeguarding, **anyone under 16 must be accompanied** by an adult. Parents, please ensure they respect the prayerful atmosphere and do not allow them to touch surfaces for their protection.
- People from vulnerable groups are also welcome if you wish to visit. Please see above for a special time set aside for you at Holy Cross**.
- **Please note that toilet facilities will be closed.**

If we all work together, we can safely open our churches for prayer, a significant step towards celebrating Holy Mass and the sacraments together again.

I look forward to seeing you soon. May God bless you all,

Fr Auson

