

## PARISH OF CLOYNE

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, BALLYCOTTON: ST COLMCILLE, CHURCHTOWN SOUTH: ST COLMAN'S CHURCH, CLOYNE: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SHANAGARRY.

### RETURN TO THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

From Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> we are happy that people may once again return to the celebration of Mass and the sacraments, however things will not be as usual and there are many restrictions.

It is important that those attending observe social distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Please use hand sanitiser which is available in all churches. We also encourage people to wear masks or face coverings.

**CAPACITY:** There will be a restriction on the number of people who can attend any Mass due to social distancing and public health guidelines.

Ballycotton	approx. 70 people
Cloyne	approx.. 60 people
Shanagarry	approx. 40 people
Churchtown South	approx. 30 people

Because of this restriction, some people may not be able to enter the Church. We regret that this may be the case. The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being.

**If possible, some people may wish to attend Mass during the week rather than on Sunday. If you are free during the week you might attend a weekday mass and leave space at the weekend for those who are working.**

It is most important that people who are vulnerable or unwell, and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, should stay at home and, if possible, participate, as now, via webcam, social media, television, or radio. The same applies to those who have been in recent contact with someone who has the virus, in accordance with public health advice.

We will continue to stream the Mass from St Colman's Church, Cloyne, on the Parish of Cloyne facebook page.

We would ask people who have Anniversary Masses booked not to invite large numbers of people to attend as it may not be possible to accommodate them.

Churches will be filled from the front seats to the back so it will not be possible to sit in your usual spot. We ask people to cooperate with and respect the ushers.

When people are leaving the Church we would ask that they leave row by row from the back, observing social distancing.

We ask people to stay in their seat for Holy Communion and the priest or minister will come around to them. Holy Communion should be received only in the hand. Priests and ministers will wear masks or visors and observe strict hand sanitisation and hygiene.

When attending Mass in the Church please remember to make a mental note of those near you. This will help should contact tracing be required.

We ask that people would not enter the Church sacristy. If you wish to see the priest please wait in the Church after Mass and he will come to you.

If you wish to use the Church toilets please knock on the outside sacristy door and request the key.

Missalettes will not be available for the moment. The parish newsletter will be posted each week on the Parish of Cloyne facebook page (search "Parish of Cloyne" on Facebook) and will also be available on the Parish of Cloyne web page ([www.cloyneparish.com](http://www.cloyneparish.com)). The newsletter will be available at the back of the church as usual. If you take a newsletter from the back of the Church we ask you to take it home with you.

A box or table will be at the door as you enter and leave the Church for collections. Please place your contribution in the box or table. If you do not use the parish envelopes and there is more than one collection please indicate which collection your contribution is for. No collections will be taken up through the Church.

**Baptisms** will resume from June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

**First Friday Communion calls** will resume from July for those who wish to have a visit from one of the Priests. If you are not on the First Friday list and wish to have communion at home please contact Fr. Michael for Ballycotton and Shanagarry and Fr. Pat for Cloyne and Churchtown South.

We thank you sincerely for your co-operation in these difficult and challenging times. Let us work and pray with each other for a safer future and God Bless You All.

Fr Pat : 086-2686262 or 021-4652597 Fr Michael : 083-8230854