



Halston Street Parish, Dublin 7.

St Michan's Catholic Church.

'At the Heart of the Market's Area'

26 June 2020

Dear Parishioner

I am hoping to be in a position to reopen the Parish Church – in a limited way for now and in line with Government guidelines – from **Saturday 4th of July 2020**.

The hope to reopen the Church in three stages and in accordance with public health norms. If things continue to improve, we hope to move to stage 2 of the reopening from the end of July and then stage three from the end of August. These plans are subject to change and we will review them on an on-going basis.

In stage one beginning on the 29th of June, we will continue to have weekday Mass on the parish webcam ONLY for now (www.halstonstreetparish.ie/webcam). From Monday 6th of July we can accept funerals into the Church. We will work closely with the undertaker and the family to ensure that we can accommodate the families wishes in way that is safe for all.

Social distancing measures dictate how many people we can safely accommodate within the Church. As it stands today, we have a capacity of 28 individual seats. We can welcome families with a maximum of 6 persons.

On the back of this letter, is a quick reference information sheet that outlines the main points you need to consider before planning to you attending the Church. Three important considerations worth highlighting here are:

1. People **over 70 years of age, those with health issues or those who fall into an at-risk group**, are strongly encouraged to remain at home for now. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person, remains lifted for now. If you are remaining at home and would like Holy Communion brought to you after the Sunday Mass, please phone the parish number to make arrangements.
2. There are **no toilet facilities** in the Church at this time. If this may cause an issue for you, we kindly ask you to consider this before deciding to come to the church.
3. You will be required to **remain in your seats** through-out the Mass / Ceremony. This may cause an issue for some parents with smaller children. Children are most welcome as long as the parents can guarantee that they can stay in their seats.

Further information on Baptisms and Funerals can be found on our Parish website. We very much look forward to seeing you in the church over the coming weeks.

With every good wish to you and your families

Fr Martin OFM Cap. PP. (On behalf of the COVID-19 Steering Group)

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Returning safely to our Parish Church

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6pm (Beginning 4th of July). Sunday 12 Noon (Beginning 5th of July)

Weekday Mass:

Webcam ONLY for now. No public weekday Mass except for funerals

Please:

- Wear a facemask at all times in the Church. Please bring your own face mask if possible
- Attend only ONE Mass over a weekend
- Use the hand sanitizer provided
- Keep 2 metre social distance at all times
- Sit in designated seats ONLY
- Use the drop off points for envelopes and collections
- Remain in your seat at all times.
- Communion distributed in your seats and into the hand only
- No toilet facilities

Entrance and Exit via North Anne Street ONLY

Doors will open **15 minutes before Mass**. Seats allocated on a **first come, first served** basis. Once we reach our capacity, we will have to respectfully ask people to come back another time. **Mass can be joined via the webcam.**

Please DO NOT ENTER the church if you are feeling unwell or have been in recent contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case.

Seating Reduced to 28 individual spaces. We can welcome families with a max of 6 people.

Please contact 01 873 0675 or email halstonst@gmail.com

if you have any questions

26 June 2020 The above will be reviewed and is subject to change.

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