

## RE-OPENING FOR MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL:

- ❖ **RESUMPTION OF MASS:** You will be welcome for Mass from Sunday, 19th July.
- ❖ **TIME:** For now, there will be no Saturday evening Mass but there will be two Sunday Masses to take place at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- ❖ **WEEKDAY MASSES** will be at 9 a.m. each day Monday to Friday (For this week only, Masses take place on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday only. However, the Church will be open for private prayer on Thursday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon and Friday from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- ❖ **UPDATED INFORMATION:** Please always check the Parish website for updated information about the times of Weekday Masses.

### IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE AT MASS

- ❖ It is very important that you arrive in plenty of time before Mass begins so that you can sanitize your hands before being escorted to your seat by a Steward.
- ❖ Taking into consideration, the 2 metres social distancing rule, the church can accommodate between 70 - 85 people at each Mass.
- ❖ **READINGS:** Readers will be required to don gloves before they approach the Lectern. These may be collected from the Sacristy before Mass.
- ❖ **HOLY COMMUNION** will be administered by the priest who will position himself behind a kneeler placed at the front of the Sanctuary. Communion will be given in the hand. For health and safety reasons, a one-way system will be in operation with Stewards guiding the communicants to the altar and back to their seats.
- ❖ **BLESSING:** Parishioners may come forward for a blessing only at Communion. There will be no physical contact between the priest and those who come forward for a blessing.
- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING** is not allowed at present.
- ❖ **WHEN THE MASS HAS ENDED** the pews used during the service will need to be cleaned and sanitised. Any help you might be able to give in carrying out this task would be greatly appreciated.
- ❖ **ALTAR SERVERS:** At this time there will be no need for Altar servers. Only the MC and the Priest will be on the Sanctuary.
- ❖ **THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION** will not be taken in the normal way. Instead, please place your collection in either of the baskets located (i) at the right-hand side of the altar rails and/or (ii) at the side of the door as you exit the church. Parishioners are encouraged to support the cathedral by paying their weekly Offertory/donations by Bankers Standing Order.
- ❖ **NO GATHERINGS IN THE PORCH.** There must be no gatherings in the porch, either before or after Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to return home immediately

after Mass so that the Stewards can clean and sanitise the church and make preparations in readiness in readiness for the next Mass.

- ❖ **CONFESSION:** You may ask the Priest after a weekday Mass. Stewards will sanitize door handle, kneeler etc. after each penitent leaves the Confessional box.
- ❖ **THE HOLY WATER BOWLS REMAIN EMPTY,** however, parishioners may bring water to be blessed for their personal use. If you'd like water to be blessed for personal use, please come to the Presbytery.

**As the church is now open again and we are able to celebrate the Holy Mass and other Sacraments with parishioners present, we will need many more Stewards/Marshalls to ensure that we can operate safely, and in accordance with public health and safety requirements/guidance.**