

Catholic Church of Mary, Mother of God

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Opening for Private Prayer

Dear Friends,

Our church will be opening for private prayer from Monday 15th June. Our church has been closed for almost three months and I know so many of you have been longing for the time when you can come back into our church. From next Monday this will be possible for certain times each day and only for private prayer. The celebration of Mass will come a little later.

There will be certain restrictions that we will have to introduce to ensure that people are safe and so that we can maintain social distancing. These will be mandatory and there will be people in church to ensure that these safety measures are kept to. I really want to ensure that any visitor to our church can come and feel comfortable and safe without any risk.

A one way system will operate in the church, there will be specified seating places to ensure social distancing, certain areas will be out of bounds, and although candles can be lit the touching of statues is strictly forbidden. You will be asked to sanitize as you enter and leave the church. The toilets will be closed and cannot be used. Please make sure you visit your home toilet **before** you come to the church. All of these measures are for your safety.

These are times the church will be open:

Monday: 10.00am to 1.00pm

Tuesday: 12 noon to 3.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am to 1.00pm

Thursday: 12 noon to 3.00pm

Friday: 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Saturday: 11.00am to 2.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am to 1.00pm

It may well be that in the future times will have to vary a little but you will certainly be informed of any changes that have to be made.

First Holy Communion Celebrations 2020

Some of our children were due to celebrate their First Holy Communion during this month of June. Unfortunately this will not be possible because of the restriction we have been operating under. We are hoping that a little bit later in the year when the situation has improved and we are able to celebrate Mass again publicly that we can arrange for these services to take place in our church. When the time comes these celebrations might not be as we originally planned but we will do our very best to make sure that we are flexible and that the celebrations will be safe and good experiences for the children and their families. Please be patient and wait for further information about how and when your child's First Holy Communion will be possible.

Confirmations 2020

Our Confirmation Celebrations which were due to take place during Pentecost weekend 30th/31st May, were postponed due to the restrictions caused by the coronavirus. These celebrations will now take place a little later in the year when our churches are able to host a larger number of people and when we are able to say Mass publicly again. When this time comes the services might not be as we originally planned but we will do our very best to make sure that we are flexible and that these celebrations will be safe and good experiences for our young people and their families. Please be patient with us and wait for further information.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday 19th June 2020



The Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes the great love He has for each one of us. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. Come and spend time quietly with Jesus.

PLANNED GIVING OFFERINGS

Over the last 12 weeks our churches have been closed and as a result our income has been severely reduced. We still have our bills to pay and this is reducing our resources. When you come to spend time in church would you please consider bringing your Planned Giving offerings and putting them in a basket which will be available in the porch of the church as you enter.

Thank you so much for any offerings that you would like to give.

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass to be said for a particular intention please write the details on a piece of paper and put it in an envelope with your offering. You can put it in a basket which will be in the porch of the church as you enter. If you just have intentions that you would like prayed for then just put those in the basket as well. They will all be remembered each day at Mass.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

The way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the loving Heart of Jesus

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died or suffered in any way from COVID-19.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday 20th June 2020

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God



The church will be open for private prayer from 11.00am to 2.00pm. You will be very welcome to come and spend time quietly with Our Lady.