

The Cathedral and all the churches in the parish will reopen on June 29th for public worship.

Thank God we are coming out the other side of Covid 19. We need to continue to remain vigilant and to do the things that keep us and all around us safe.

I would like to thank the Pastoral Council, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, the four GAA clubs and many new volunteers, who have been meeting with the parish team to plan how best, with health and safety foremost in our minds, physically to return to sharing the Eucharist as a community.

As we return to public worship the following may help us and guide us:

- The obligation to physically attend Mass at weekends will continue to be lifted.
- If you have any symptoms of Covid 19 please do not attend Mass
- Please use the sanitizers that are at all entrances to all churches and in the body of the Cathedral, both on your way IN and on your way OUT.
- Ushers will direct you to your seat. The Cathedral and all the churches will have social distancing of 2 metres in place. To facilitate this all will have to be seated from the front to the back of the building. I would ask people to please be patient. A certain section of seats are designated for families.
- Distribution of Holy Communion – People are asked to remain in their seats and the priest and Eucharistic Minister will distribute communion to you in your seat. **PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT**
- The Cathedral and all churches will be cleaned after each Mass.

I hope people are reassured that they are going to worship in a very safe environment.

The parish team are deeply indebted to all the parishioners for your support and incredible generosity at this time. People have been so good to us.

On a personal level I would like to thank all the people I work with in the Presbytery. Everyone worked right through this strange period in our existence. Nothing was ever too much for any member of staff. Thank you for your good humour, positive attitude and great work ethic.

This has been a very sad time for people who lost a loved one since March 13th. The normal way of grieving and offering sympathy disappeared. Our prayers are with the families who endure their pain. Hopefully we can celebrate those lives and remember them with family, friends and neighbours present at a future date.

Finally we thank God for the health and opportunity to come back together in prayer. May God protect and direct us all.

Fr Kevin Fay

Administrator