

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

Portmarnock Parish is planning to resume Mass, with limited public access as per Government directives, in Teallach Áine (the Parish Centre), because Saint Anne's church is closed for re-roofing. The first Mass will be at 6.30pm on Saturday July 4th.

PORTMARNOCK SUNDAY MASSES

The Area Team has deemed it necessary to temporarily streamline the Schedule of Sunday Masses. Portmarnock's weekend Mass times until further notice will be:

**SATURDAY VIGIL 6.30PM,
SUNDAY 11.00AM AND 12.30PM.**

The 11.00am Mass will continue as a Pastoral Area webcam Mass. The longer period between Masses is to allow for the mandatory re-sanitising of the worship space between Masses. Doors will open 20 minutes before each Mass and Teallach Áine will close immediately after Mass ends to facilitate re-sanitising

PORTMARNOCK WEEKDAY MASSES

will recommence on Monday 6th July and will continue each **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 10.00AM** subject to safe access to the church grounds during the reroofing work.

FUNERALS

For Funerals, families will be offered the use of Teallach Áine, but if they prefer they can move to St. Sylvester's, Malahide or Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls. There will be no Mass on that day in Portmarnock.

GOVERNMENT SOCIAL DISTANCING

Instructions allow a maximum indoor gathering of 50 people. This is exactly the number we can seat between Teallach Áine and the Coffee Dock. Unfortunately, this will mean that our Stewards will be obliged to carefully monitor and limit entry to 50 people. We know we can rely on your patience and full co-operation in this, hopefully, temporary arrangement. At present outside gatherings are limited to 100 people. We intend to offer approximately 30 seats in the patio garden adjacent to Teallach Áine within sight and sound of the altar. Additionally people may gather at the garden gate or railings, either in cars or standing or sitting on their own chairs/stools, and will be able to hear Mass or may follow the Mass on mobile devices, as has happened satisfactorily at all our funerals in the lockdown period. All liturgies from Teallach Áine will be live-streamed. Holy Communion will be offered to all participants both indoors and outdoors. We suggest that you prepare yourself for coming to Mass in the next phase of recovery as you might have approached your participation in the Pope's Mass in the Phoenix Park.

Be prepared to attend Mass out of doors;

Be prepared for any weather eventuality;

Be prepared to participate in Mass at a (short) distance;

Be prepared to 'hear' Mass but not necessarily 'see' Mass.

If you or those you share your home with, are in any of the widely acknowledged risk categories, please continue to participate in Mass from home. The Irish Bishops'

Conference has suspended the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. They suggest that the Faithful might consider

attending Mass on a weekday instead. If you would like Holy Communion brought to you at home until restrictions are lifted completely please make a request to the Parish Office.

TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE FOR PASTORAL AREAS: •

MALAHIDE:

SUNDAYS (from July 12th) 9.00, 10.30, 12.00 (pre-booking required). Maximum 50. See Malahide Parish website for further details).

WEEKDAYS: to be announced shortly

YELLOW WALLS: **SUNDAYS:** Vigil Mass 6.00PM (Sat):
10.00, 11.30:

WEEKDAYS -10.00 (except Wednesday)

KINSEALY: yet to be arranged.

Due to the limit of 50 allowed indoors in each Parish we encourage Parishioners to stay in their own parish for Mass or continue viewing the Area Masses via webcam.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS DURING COVID EPIDEMIC: •

PLEASE sanitise your hands on entry and exit. Wall-mounted sanitisers are provided. .

PLEASE wait to be shown to your seat.

PLEASE comply with the health authority advice that for the Common Good all who are 13 years of age or older should wear face coverings in enclosed spaces. Please bring your own standard face covering. If you forget, a single use mask will be provided.

PLEASE remain in your place to Receive Holy Communion. Indicate to the Priest or Minister that you wish to receive by standing up or holding out your hands if unable to stand. • The Priest/ Minister will be appropriately garbed to minister Holy Communion safely. Holy Communion may be received only in the hand without any skin contact. The Ministers will

have sanitised their hands immediately before distributing Holy Communion. We request you to carry a small personal hand sanitiser to sanitise your hands before receiving Holy Communion. This will prevent unnecessary movement towards the main hand sanitisers, which are to be used before and after Mass. If the Minister touches the hand of the recipient of Holy Communion, they must re-sanitise their hands.

PLEASE don't be disappointed that in line with best practice: Choirs cannot sing during Liturgies and Congregational singing is discouraged but a Cantor and accompanist will be present at some Masses; Missalettes and Newsletters are temporarily suspended but the parish website will be updated regularly.

PLEASE continue to support the Parish and Diocese financially. The Share and Common Fund resources are seriously depleted and almost at breaking point. Collection bags or baskets cannot be passed around safely. Please place your offerings, preferably in marked envelopes, in the boxes provided. PLEASE also consider donating through the Parish website or by depositing your offering in the Parish Office mailbox.

The Parish Office will continue to operate 'remotely' for the present. The Parish Secretary Margaret can be contacted by phone or e-mail.

PLEASE do not attend Mass in person if you are feeling in any way unwell. Rather show your Christian commitment to the Common Good and 'STAY AT HOME'.

Every good wish and blessing for protection and recovery in these unprecedented times,

Canon John Flaherty and the Covid 19 Compliance Team.:Teresa McCabe, Ned Byrne, David Sweeney and John Hughes.