

Important Information

Statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference on the publication of the Framework Document for a return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments

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The guidelines provided in this framework may need to be adapted in some cases, depending on factors such as the capacity and layout of churches, the size of the parish/church community, etc. However, in all circumstances the safety and health of people, ministers, and priests must be paramount. **No church should be opened for public prayer or worship until satisfactory arrangements, as indicated in this Framework, have been put in place.**

We hope to **slowly and cautiously** resume public worship in our churches, knowing that it can only happen in a **limited** way. We will still need patience, perseverance and self-sacrifice. The prescriptions contained in this Framework Document **will only be effective** if we have the generous **support of volunteers** who will help to plan, implement and manage the transition back to full parish life and the celebration of the sacraments.

Dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being.

It is most important that people who are vulnerable or unwell, and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, should stay at home and, if possible, participate, as now, via webcam, social media, television, or radio. The same applies to those who have been in recent contact with someone who has the virus, in accordance with public health advice

Your health and wellbeing matters to us and we ask everybody to be safe: the best way to do this is to maintain social distance and to remain at home continuing to look in on line. The Dominican Church broadcasts **22** Masses per week on line and we encourage people to tune in and join us.

Booking to attend Mass opens Monday 29th June 2020 on a phased basis by ringing the Lectio centre on **028 3026 2178** or calling in person between 10am – 5pm Monday to Friday. Masses must be booked at least one week in advance.

Public masses will resume on the 6th July 2020. Masses will take place on: Monday and Thursday at 7:30am; Tuesday and Friday at 11am; Wednesday and Saturday (Vigil) at 7:30pm. Sunday masses will alternate between 9.30am & 12.15pm one week and 8am & 11am the next week. This will remain until further notice but will be reviewed monthly.

Holy Communion: Holy Communion will be available in St Catherine's Church on Sunday afternoons between 4 - 6 pm. If your relative is not able to come into the Church, the Priest or the Eucharistic Minister will be able to bring Holy Communion to them in their car at the front steps of the Church.

Confessions: There are plans to resume the Sacrament of Penance in the church in the near future: in the interim anyone wishing to receive confession can contact the Priory on 028 3026 2178 to arrange with a Priest.

Remember:

Social Distancing



Sanitise Your Hands

