St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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Dear all, it is wonderful to be able to celebrate Mass again as a Parish. We have all seen how normal everyday life has changed because of the coronavirus, going to Mass will, for the foreseeable future, be no different. Please bear with us; read and adhere to the guidelines below which will be in place to enable us all to celebrate Mass again in Church within a safe and controlled environment for everyone.

In line with Government guideline we are required to Track & Trace everyone attending Mass.

* This means on arrival you will be asked to provide your name and contact details before you can enter the Church. The information will be placed in a sealed envelope in the safe for 21 days after which it will be destroyed. The Archbishop has made it very clear that if this information is not provided then the person/persons cannot enter the Church. To assist the Stewards in meeting this requirement, can people coming to mass, please bring with them a slip of paper containing their name and contact details.  This will help speed up the process of seating people for mass.
* On entering Church you will be required to sanitize your hands in the porch and wait to be seated by a Steward. Please be patient, there may be some queuing on entry, maintain social distancing, we will attempt to seat you as quickly as possible

1. Remember currently there is no Sunday obligation to attend Mass, however if you attend Mass during the week this fulfils your Sunday obligation.
2. To comply with guidelines and social distancing measures the church can only seat around 50 people, slightly more for people who live in the same household, meaning once this number is reached **WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LET ANYONE ELSE IN**. To ensure everyone can celebrate Mass it would help immensely if parishioners, who are able to attend Mass during the week do so freeing up capacity at weekends.
3. Only one Reader is required to read the 1st Reading, Psalm and 2nd Reading.
4. Only Fr Simon Peter and a Deacon will be on the Sanctuary, apart from the Reader
5. Communion will be at the very end of the Mass.

* The Priest will receive Holy Communion and immediately cleanses the paten and Chalice; then hold a reverent silence before the Prayer after Communion, Blessing and dismissal. At this point, if required Ministers of the Eucharist will come forward to assist the priest, cleansing their hands and receiving Holy Communion under one kind. Ministers then move to points for distribution.

1. Communicants directed by stewards will be guided from pews to receive Holy Communion ensuring people take their belongings, as they leave church immediately after communion
2. Facing altar, people sitting on the left had side of church will exit via the front door, after receiving Holy Communion, those sitting on the right hand side will exit by the rear door.
3. There will be no normal collection, however baskets at exits for those wishing to donate.
4. It would help the church and perhaps make life easier for all if you could set up a Standing Order with your bank for your offering to St Thomas of Canterbury Church. This would be greatly appreciated. Speak with me for more details

We appreciate this is a lot to take in, but with the good Lord’s help and with the Parish community we can make this situation work. We ask our Heavenly Father through his Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us as we return to Mass, to grant us patience and respect for those who are fulfilling Stewarding duties, without whom we could not have Mass. God bless you all and your families.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE ALL YOUR BELONGING, MASSLETS AND NEWSLETTERS WHEN LEAVING CHURCH YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RE-ENTER.**

**JULY 2020**

**Saturday Our Lady**

4 Sat18.00 Richard Breg RIP *(Maria Breg)*

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**Sunday FOURTEENTH SUNDAY**

5 Sun10.30 John Ellery RIP *(M Shackleford)*

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6 Mon **Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr**

10.00 Frank Doohan

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7 Tue **- Feria** 10.00 Owen O’Neill *(J&R O’Neill)*

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8 Wed **-** **Feria** 10.00 William Hawkins RIP

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9 Thur **- Feria** 10.00 Daphne Clarke RIP *(Noel Fernandez)*

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10 Fri **- Feria** 10.00 John Liney *(Liney Family)*

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**Next Saturday St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe**

11 Sat18.00 David Jones *(Susan Jones)*

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**Next Sunday FIFTEENTH SUNDAY - Sea Sunday**

12 Sun10.30 Paddy Mongan RIP *(Frank & Helen)*

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