



St. Peter's & St. Paul's R.C. Churches

JOINT NEWSLETTER

17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year A

26th July 2020



COVID -19

DIOCESAN DIRECTIVE

**Phase 3:
from 15th July**

*Places of worship open to extended groups (max. 50) subject to physical distancing and hygiene safeguards.
Relaxation of restrictions to attendance at funerals, baptisms and marriages beyond close family.*

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**ALL REQUIRED PROCEDURES
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additional pages
of this Newsletter.**

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**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU
HAVE REGISTERED
TO ATTEND MASS**

***This is a Government
& Diocesan Directive.***

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SICK—DEAD—ANNIVERSARIES

**Please, if you wish, send me your requests
for prayers at my weekend Masses for
your loved ones who are sick or recently
dead, as well as anniversaries of those who
have died.**

**Give me a call at the house or simply email
their names to me and I will ensure that
they are prayed for at my Masses.**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Fiona Lamond, Catriona Burnett,
Terry Bisland, Helen Doyle and
Carol Gordon.**

**PLEASE PRAY
FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED**

**Mary Flanagan, Brendan Cairney and
Angela Campbell.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE
ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS
TIME**

**Bernard Kelly, Hannah Nolan,
Iolanda McGarrity, Catherine Lavelle &
John and Kathleen Carroll.**

Prayer of Thanks

**Thanks to St. Rita of Cascia and
St. Philip Neri for favours granted.**

PRAYER TO ST. ROCH

**O Blessed Saint Roch, patron of the sick, have
pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering.
Your power was so great when you were in this
world, that by the sign of the Cross, many were
healed of their diseases. Now that you are in
heaven, your power is not less. Offer, then, to
God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that
health we seek through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**(Repeat the following 3 times) Saint Roch, pray
for us, that we may be preserved from all
diseases of body and soul.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. PETER'S & ST PAUL'S PARISHES

Ticket Allocation for Mass during COVID-19

**I am pleased to announce that
St. Peter's and St. Paul's Churches
will re-open for Mass on 1st/2nd August.**

All who wish to attend Mass during the period of COVID-19 **MUST APPLY FOR A TICKET**. The reason for this decision results from the strict regulation by the Scottish Government that states: **THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE PERMITTED IN THE CHURCH FOR ANY MASS IS 50, EXCEPT FOR A FUNERAL WHICH IS 20**. Mass will be at 4.45pm (Vigil); 10am & 12.15pm (Sunday). The additional Mass was required because of the demand for more seats. There will also be a Mass in St. Peter's on a Thursday morning at 10am, and in St. Paul's on a Tuesday morning at 10am.

If it is not possible for you to attend Mass, for whatever reason,
PLEASE KNOW THAT THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

Those who are shielding should not come to Mass until advised it is safe to do so by the Scottish Government. Those who are in other vulnerable groups should follow Scottish Government advice when making the decision to come to Mass.

Via mailing, the website and other means of outreach, parishioners were invited to apply for a 'Season Ticket'. Parishioners who registered for a ticket were given priority on a first come basis; thereafter all others can apply by emailing the parish at stpeter@rcdop.org.uk or by calling the presbytery on 0141 884 2435 **on a Friday between the time of Mid-day and 6pm**.

Those who qualified for a 'Season Ticket' have now received them. Available tickets, per week, will be offered on a first come basis to those who email the parish or call the presbytery **ONLY ON A FRIDAY BETWEEN MID-DAY AND 6PM, BEGINNING FRIDAY 31ST JULY**. You will receive a reply on Friday evening to say that you have successful or otherwise.

The Scottish Government's "Track and Trace Policy" demands that we keep a record of every person who attends church in the event that they may have to be contacted. Those who haven't registered are obliged to provide their name, address and telephone number when they want to book a seat. We are obliged to keep accurate records of all attendees for a period of Three weeks. When booking a ticket, therefore, please remember to give the information required.

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May I remind you that if you have any symptoms of Coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms, please stay at home.

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In preparing the church for re-opening we have followed the guidance of the First Minister and the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. I am confident that all that has been done in these past weeks will encourage proper social distancing and keep everyone safe. For your part, all I ask is this:

that you arrive early for Mass;

that you have your face mask on when you enter church grounds;

(except for children under 5 and those with certain medical conditions)

that you report to one of the welcoming team who will greet you as you enter the building;

that you confirm your seat number and name, or give your contact details;

that you sanitise your hands as directed before entering and leaving the main body of the church;

that you enter the main body of the church following the instruction of the pass-keeper

that you follow the instructions of the pass-keepers at all times.

Please follow the signs clearly marked on the floor; keeping a safe distance of two metres as you go, and taking your time moving to or from your seat, as directed. No system is perfect; if it doesn't work, we will change it until we get it right. At this initial stage, I ask for your **PATIENCE** and your full **CO-OPERATION**.

The following changes introduced at Mass in the early days of COVID-19 remain in place:

Donations for both collections should be inserted in the boxes provided on the tables on either side of the pews as parishioners enter the main body of the church.

(Parishioners may wish to make their offerings using a Standing Order.)

No Newsletters

No Mass books

No paper notices

No leaflets

No hymn books

No magazines

No passing of collection baskets

No offertory procession

No Sign of Peace

No Holy Communion from the chalice.

These additional changes have now been added to the list:

TOILETS ARE OUT OF USE

No use of confessionals

No cry rooms

No votive candles

Parishioners may only pray at their designated seat, and should not move around the church to visit altars or statues.

No altar servers

No sacristan

Readers must read from a separate place from the Ambo, using photocopied texts or their own missal.

Only the priest should be on the Sanctuary.

Recognising that the virus is predominantly contagious through the breathing in of air droplets, these guidelines are based on the need to reduce the length of time when parishioners are together. These are tentative steps for returning to Mass and may be reviewed at any time:

Singing of Mass parts and hymns will be omitted.

Cantors will be used in certain circumstances behind a screen.

Both the Gloria and the Creed will be omitted.

At Sunday Mass the second reading will be omitted.

The sermon will be brief.

Instructions for receiving Holy Communion

Please remain seated for Communion. The priest will come to you and offer Holy Communion or a blessing.

If you wish Holy Communion, please stand.

If you wish a blessing, please stand and cross your arms over your chest.

The priest will sanitise his hands before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.

The priest will wear a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion.

The use of the short formula for distribution of Holy Communion will be used. In place of the words "Body of Christ" for each communicant, before the Celebrant receives Holy Communion, he will say these words "May the Body and Blood of Christ keep us all safe to eternal life," to which the congregation responds, "Amen."

In accordance with the national protocol on Infection Control, Holy Communion is to be received in the hand for the duration of the pandemic.

Without doubt, it will be a very strange and different liturgy that we will celebrate in the coming months. Nevertheless, I look forward to being with you for the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments. It is a new challenge we face and one that we will embrace with confidence, with the help of God.

Thank you to all those parishioners who kindly volunteered their time to make it possible for the church to re-open and for ensuring our safety and wellbeing. We are in their capable hands and can be confident that our sacred space is prepared and ready for worship. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love."

Thank you for your support and co-operation as we move forward into a new era of being church. Take care and stay safe!

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