

**SPECIAL NOTICE IN REGARDS TO THE REOPENING OF
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, KINKORA AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, MITCHELL**

Great news we have received that the Government of Ontario is allowing Churches to be open for worship again. One of the biggest challenges for us is that our Churches will only be allowed to have 30% of our capacity attend Mass. We also are not able to use the outside spaces of the pews to keep the six (6) feet distance. This greatly reduces the number of spaces available.

THIS COMING WEEKEND MASS TIMES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- SATURDAY, JUNE 20 – 5:00 PM IN MITCHELL
- SATURDAY, JUNE 20 – 7:00 PM IN KINKORA
- SUNDAY, JUNE 21 – 9:00 AM IN MITCHELL
- SUNDAY, JUNE 21 – 10:30 AM IN KINKORA

We do hope that it can work for some of you to attend the 7:00 pm Mass in Kinkora on Saturday. This will help with the reduced capacities of both Churches on Sunday. **Please be prepared that not everyone will be able to attend Mass and once we reach capacity, we cannot let more people in to the Church.** We will discuss how we can make this as fair as possible in the future.

IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR THE RE-OPENING

- Entrance is not permitted to those who have an elevated temperature, or are suffering from cough, sputum production, shortness of breath, undue fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle aching, runny nose, chill involving shakes, loss of sense or taste or smell. If you are sick, you are asked to stay home.
- As you come into the Church please be prepared that you may not be able to sit where you normally do every Mass. You will be greeted by our Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality as you enter the main door of the Church. Our goal is to seat as many people as possible while adhering to the social distancing protocols. At St. Patrick's, Kinkora we will be using the center pews for larger family groups. The side pews are where smaller groups will be seated.
- We request that you use the hand sanitizer as you enter the Church.
- **All parishioners over the age of 8 are expected to bring their own mask to wear at Church.** The Priest, Eucharistic minister, Ushers, Money Counters and other volunteers will be supplied with a mask by the parish. You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask upon entering the church.
- If you have travelled outside Canada within the past 14 days, you are not to enter the church until you have completed the period of self-isolation.
- Maintain a two-metre (six foot) distance at all times in the church and on church property

During the celebration of Holy Mass, there will be a few changes to ensure everyone's safety as much as possible:

- The entrance procession will be taken place from the sacristy.
- Parishioners attending at Mass shall be directed not to sing on account of the potential spreading of airborne contagion. A cantor, accompanied by a single instrumentalist, may sing at Mass as long as the cantor is a minimum of 3 metres (10 feet) distance from anyone else. Choir members may join only if the same minimum of 3 metres (10 feet) distance can be maintained. Consequently, all the parts of the ordinary of the Mass which are normally sung at Sunday Masses, including the Glory to God, the Psalm, the Eucharistic acclamations, and the Lamb of God, must be recited. This practice allows the congregation to take their rightful part in the celebration.
- Only one lector will proclaim the readings before the Gospel, and the petitions.
- There will be no collection and presentation of bread and wine at the usual time. You will be invited to drop your offering in the drop box as you enter and leave the church.
- You will be directed by the ushers to come to communion row by row, while maintaining physical distancing. Particular direction will be given before communion.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation cannot be celebrated in the usual Confessional booth. Another suitable location which provides physical distancing as well as privacy will be designated in the church.

At the end of Mass- here is where you can help. (In Kinkora Only) You will notice in the pew in front of you there will be a bowl with a wet cloth in it (cloth is soaked in a cleaning solution that kills Covid-19 virus). We ask one person in your family to wipe down the whole pew and kneeler you were sitting at as well as the empty pew directly in front of you. We thank you for your assistance with this as it will save so much time for our cleaning help.

Immediately following the Mass please exit the Church as soon as you can. We will start one pew at a time from the back of the Church to the front observing 6' spaces as you leave. Parents- please let your children know that they are to go outside immediately after Mass is over. We can all once again enjoy some long overdue socializing outside while keeping in mind our safe social distancing. We appreciate your cooperation as we start to celebrate our Faith again as community.