

## Message Before Mass

Just a reminder of the Diocese's guidelines for Mass during Alert Level 2

You are required to wear your mask while walking to and from your seat and to and from Communion. However, it is recommended that you keep your mask on even while seated. We have marked spaces in the pews in an attempt to keep individuals not in the same bubble 6ft apart. Ushers have been directing people to various pews based on this guideline. Please try to keep this distance if you are seated in a pew with someone who is not in your bubble. If you are not 6ft apart from someone not in your bubble it is important that you keep your mask on while seated.

We ask all those entering the church to sanitize their hands in the lobby before they enter the main body of the church.

While we all love to sing, we are advised not to sing due to the potential spread of airborne contagion. We would like to thank our music minister for providing the music for this Mass.

For Holy Communion the following points should be noted.:

The individual attestation at the moment of distribution of Holy Communion ("The Body of Christ, R: Amen") **is eliminated**; instead one general pronouncement is to be made by the priest ("The Body of Christ"), and one general response (Amen) is to be made by all congregants together before the distribution begins.

Each communicant must sanitize their hands before receiving Holy Communion. (either your own sanitizer or by using the sanitizer on the small table in each aisle).

The communicant receives the Body of Christ in the hand from the priest and then moves to the side. (it is at that point that you can remove your mask and consume the Host).

There is no offertory collection. Boxes have been placed near the back of the church for those who would like to make a donation.

There is a washroom in the porch for public use. Please use the supplies provided and follow the notice on the door to clean after use.

As you will have noticed we have a separate entrance and exit. As you will have noticed we are using the door on the east side of the main entrance. We have been experiencing crowding in the lobby and are hoping this is to allow for more people to line up inside and maintain appropriate distance during registration. Also a reminder that the exit is the side door next to the parking lot. We have noticed people leaving through the main doors after mass. This is only to be used as an exit for those with mobility issues. We ask those with mobility issues to remain in your seats until the rest of the congregation has left to avoid passing people in the aisles.

### **Temporary Change in Mass Schedule**

As you are aware, due to Government regulations, we are limited to a capacity of 100 people for each Mass. As we have been at or near capacity recently, on a temporary basis, starting next weekend February 7, we will be adding a second Mass on Sunday and changing the times. The 10.30 Mass will move to 10.00 am and there will be a second Mass at 12 noon. We still need additional volunteers to help with registration, ushering as well as cleaning between 10 am and 12 noon Mass on Sunday. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer.

We are hoping that this change will allow the numbers attending the earlier mass on Sunday to reduce and we will be able to continue with registration when you arrive at church. We will monitor the numbers for the next few weeks to determine if we need to change this process.

### **Entrance and Exits**

The weekend of January 30 we will begin using the door on the east side of the main entrance. We have been experiencing crowding in the lobby and are hoping this change will allow for more people to line up inside and maintain appropriate distance during registration. Also, a reminder that the exit location is the side door next to the parking lot. We have noticed people leaving through the main doors after mass. The main doors are only to be used as an exit for those with mobility issues. We ask those with mobility issues to remain in your seats until the rest of the congregation has left to avoid passing people in the aisles.

