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Hello Everyone! I hope you are safe and well.

It's Monday 6th July 2020.

As I have been saying over recent weeks, we are taking the reopening of our 2 churches in Stages.

St Kevin's will be open to the public for Mass on today Monday & Wednesday of this week at 10 am, and for private prayer until 1 pm.

St Kevin's will open for Sunday Mass on next Sunday, 12th July, at 10 am.

I am very much looking forward to seeing people at Mass again.

St Kilian's will open for Private Prayer on Tuesday and Friday from 11 am to 1 pm this week. And hopefully, next Tuesday and Friday for public Mass.

This can all happen courtesy of those who have volunteered to steward and clean.

In the event of a Funeral, times may vary.

The maximum number of people who can safely attend in St Kevin's at present is 66.

This is the number within the requirements of social distancing. This number includes some places for members of the same household.

The maximum number of people who can safely attend in St Kilian's at present is 54.

This is the number within the requirements of social distancing. This number includes some places for members of the same household.

In the event of a Funeral, priority will be given to the Family.

Please note that the Pandemic is not over and that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is suspended at this time, due to the Pandemic.

If you are planning to come to Mass in the near future, maybe consider coming on a weekday rather than on a Sunday.

We will all have to become aware of the attendance capacity of our 2 churches, given the 2 metre physical distancing regulation. Only that number can be in the church at the same time. If more than that number arrives, they cannot all be accommodated.

If you decide to come to Mass, please do the following before you leave home

- **Wash your hands**
- **Bring sanitiser and face covering with you**
- **Remember what 2 metres looks like**
- **Practise coughing and sneezing etiquette**

Car parking in the church grounds will be restricted, so walk if you can.

There will be separate entrance and exit doors, i.e., a one-way system.

When you come to the inside porch doors, please wait. You will be shown to a seat. It will most likely not be your 'usual spot'.

Please stay in the seat you are shown to.

Do not move around the church.

Be aware that Toilet facilities are closed at present.

It is a requirement that the premises is well-ventilated.

This means that the doors will be kept open.

Coming into and leaving the church is likely to be a matter of slow motion. Exiting will be staggered.

Please do not delay unduly in the church and do not congregate outside before or after Mass.

This is the plan. Whether it will work depends in main part on the behaviour of each individual.

You might say it all sounds rather harsh.

How has going to church come to this?

Well of course these measures are harsh and necessary.

These are the measures that we hope will keep us all safe from Covid-19.

We are dealing with a deadly, invisible and silent virus that has been brought into our midst. Dealing with it is not easy.

Covid-19 has turned our world upside down.

The evidence is there that one infected individual can have a snowball effect in the community.

We are still a long way from what we used to consider normal.

Each one of us needs to take personal responsibility for our actions at all times.

We need to behave towards others as if we had the Coronavirus Covid-19, so as not to give it to anyone else.

We need to be responsible, be safe, and be protective towards each other.

To be able to sustain our Reopen Schedule into the weeks ahead, we need Volunteers to steward and clean. It can't be done otherwise. You can sign-up on the Parish Website or contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for listening. Until next time.

Slán agus beannacht.