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Hello Everyone! I hope you continue to be safe and well.

It's Monday 27th July 2020.

In recent days I've noticed more and more cars on the road with tow bar and or roof rack attached and put to service, obvious signs that the holiday season has come, despite Covid-19.

We pray that all will be safe on the roads and safe from Covid-19 as well.

After having celebrated Mass again with parishioners present these past few weeks, I can say that I am very encouraged by the overall response and cooperation of all who have attended Mass in the restrictions we now have to learn to live with for the foreseeable future.

I want to thank you all for your patience and forbearance with the new arrangements that have been visited on us. It will take time to get used to them and we will all need to be reminded from time to time about the various measures we have to now follow.

I'm also impressed by the diligence of our stewards and cleaners.

Because it's holiday time, it's likely that our numbers attending at this time are somewhat down. We are likely to see increased numbers come September.

With this in mind, as well as the fact that indoor gatherings, which include churches, are restricted to 50 - except for very large churches such as cathedrals - there may come a time when more than 50 will arrive regularly for Mass.

One step we have taken to help deal with this eventuality is to install an outside speaker at each of our 2 churches. This extends sound coverage into the car park of each church. Weather permitting, people may wish to gather outside.

Fr Fergus wishes it to be known that because of his age and an underlying health condition, he is prevented from saying Mass in the Parish at this time. We thank him for his service and we all wish him well. He asks us all to pray hard that a vaccine will be found for Covid-19.

I'm hoping that the week ahead will be a little more relaxed than the past 20 weeks or so have been so that Natalie and I can prepare well for the following week when Confirmations begin.

Until next time.

Slán agus beannacht.