



ST JOSEPH'S NEWS UPDATE

12 JULY 2020

CATHOLIC BISHOPS ANNOUNCE

RESUMPTION OF COMMUNAL WORSHIP

Scotland's Catholic Bishops have welcomed the First Minister's comments today (Thursday 9 July) on places of worship and have announced the resumption of communal worship in Catholic parishes from 15 July.

Commenting on the move, the President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, Bishop Hugh Gilbert said; "Over the past month, our parishes have been preparing for the safe resumption of communal prayer and the celebration of Mass, which is at the centre of the life of the church. To have been unable to attend Mass for many months has been a source of real sadness for Scotland's Catholics and I am sure there will be great joy at the prospect of returning."

"Thanks to the widespread implementation of the church's Infection Control protocols, Catholic parishes will begin the resumption of public Masses and other communal activities from 15 July."

Bishop Gilbert added; "The bishops are extremely grateful to all those who have worked tirelessly to prepare our parishes for public worship and to those who made their views known to their parliamentary representatives and the government on the subject of communal worship. While thanking the Scottish Government for listening to these calls, we would remind parishioners that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended and ask those who return to do so in accordance with the infection control measures in force in each parish, mindful always of the need to protect themselves and others."

CHURCH PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Sunday 12 July 11.00 to 12.00 noon

Church is open for private prayer

Monday 13 July 11.00am to 12.00 noon

Church is open for private prayer

Wednesday 15 July 10.00am to 11.00am

Requiem Mass for Helen Clark

This is a private funeral and church is only open to the invited family mourners in line with current Scottish Government restrictions. This Mass will be streamed.

Thursday 16 July 11.30am to 12.15pm

Requiem Mass for Mary Devlin – private funeral

Thursday 16 July – 1.30pm to 2.15pm

Funeral Service for Joseph Lannen – private funeral

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AT OUR CHURCH OF ST JOSEPH

FIRST MASS SERVICES

Our church will open for public Mass on
Friday 17 July at 10.00am and
on Saturday 18 July at 10.00am

Mass services on Sunday 19 July will be:

10.00am (Scottish Parishioners)

1.00pm (Polish Parishioners)

Under the current Scottish Government rules, the church number is limited to a maximum number of 50 at any service. This is about 30% of our normal attendance on a Sunday (pre-lockdown).

Entry will be on a first-come basis.

It is difficult to determine if the Sunday Masses planned will meet the needs of the numbers that may quickly return to the church. Additional Masses can be added as required and this information will be updated on the webpage and by notice at the entrance to the church.

If the social distancing of 2-metres is reduced, this will increase the maximum number allowed in the church so expect that there will be many changes made over the next few weeks.

Masses will continue to be streamed from St Joseph's each day at 10.00am.

PLANNED PROGRAMME FOLLOWING WEEK:

Monday 20 July 10.00am - Mass

Wednesday 22 July 10.00am Mass then Adoration

Friday 24 July 10.00am – Mass

Saturday 25 July 10.00am - Mass

***Sunday 26 July 10.00am – Mass**

***Sunday 26 July 1.00pm - Mass**

*Subject to additional Masses to meet demand if required

It is absolutely imperative that everyone adheres to the rules when in or around the church as we rely on each person doing the right thing to keep all of us safe. Please play your full part.

NEW INFORMATION FOR GOING TO MASS

On the following 2 pages there is detailed information on what will happen when we re-commence communal worship in our church later this week.

Please read this so that you are fully aware and prepared before you come back to St Joseph's.

Remember especially to social distance outside and inside; wear your face covering at all times inside the church; sanitise your hands coming in and when leaving; be prepared to provide name and contact details when you arrive at the church.