

## RE-OPENING OUR CHURCH FOR MASS

As yet, no date has been announced for the reopening of churches for public worship. However, it does look like it will be quite soon and so we must begin our preparations. Please keep the following in mind:

1. The capacity of the church will be reduced due to social distancing. This means we will need some sort of booking system for each Mass. This is to ensure that each person who comes to Mass already has a seat allocated. Couples will be able to sit together, as will families from the same household. Details of our booking system will be published in due course.
2. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. If you can attend Mass during the week, please do so, to take pressure off the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. If you feel anxious about taking part in Mass with others or feel that you are vulnerable in any way, please do not hesitate to stay at home nor feel guilty about it. Mass will continue to be live streamed.
3. Apart from children under 5 and people with a diagnosed health issue, everyone must wear a face-covering during the celebration of Mass.
4. Everyone will be greeted at the door by ushers. You will be asked to stand in front of the camera for your temperature to be taken. If a high temperature is recorded, you will be tested once again by a hand-held thermometer. If your temperature is still too high, you will be asked to return home. Both tests are anonymous. Sanitising liquid will be available as you enter and leave and must be used. The toilet will not be available for use.
5. The Scottish Government advises that you leave behind your contact details for each Mass you attend. Cards will be available.
6. The Church will be sanitised after every Mass
7. **VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED TO HELP IN USHERING AND SANITISING.** You can volunteer if you are over 16. The over 70s can also volunteer as long as they have no underlying health issue. Please be generous with your time—we will need at least 6 people to act as ushers and sanitisers for each Mass. Please contact Fr Magill as soon as possible, preferably this week, by phone, text or email if you are willing to volunteer. You can also get in touch by using the Contact Page on the Home Page of the parish website.

The first few weeks after reopening will be challenging. Please be patient and supportive. The more parishioners there are who volunteer to help, the easier things will be. So please get in touch soon to offer your services. The reopening of the church will also be a time of many graces and blessings and a God-given opportunity for us to grow as a community of faith.