



Brackenstown Parish

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

2020 will forever be remembered as a time of immense change for us all. It is hard to believe how much life has changed in the past six months.

Since mid-March, we have had a very different experience of liturgy. We have had to find new and ways of praying and being together as Church. This has been a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the gift of modern technology. That said, your absence has very much been felt at Mass.

On Monday, June 29th we take our first steps towards the 'new normal' in Parish life as we welcome a small congregation to each Mass. These are very early days in this process. We are all learning together as we go. There will be hiccups along the way but, please God, by working together we can overcome any difficulties.

I am particularly aware of those in the over 70 age bracket, many of whom have given years of dedicated service to the Parish and who cannot return to their roles for the moment. The current restrictions are not forever and I ask for your patience as we wait to see how the first phases go.

As we slowly and carefully re-open, we must remember that COVID 19 has not gone away, but that because of the hard work of us all, its spread has been controlled. Not all Parish services will re-open – we will have to wait a little longer before planning First Holy Communion and Confirmation and there will be no Eucharistic Adoration for the time being.

I ask for your understanding, patience and prayers in the days and weeks ahead. May we hear and live the words of our Lord – *'Do not be afraid for I am with you'*

Fr. Paul

MASS TIMES JUNE 29th

Monday, June 29th

10am, 11.30am and 7.30pm

Congregation of 50 at each Mass and broadcast on Webcam

Tuesday, June 30th

10am

Mass will be broadcast on Webcam only.

This will allow us time to iron out any hiccups from Monday

Wednesday, July 1st

10am

Congregation of 50 and broadcast on Webcam

Do I need to reserve my place at Mass?

No, places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. The doors of the Church will open 30 mins before Mass

If the Church is full when you arrive, you will be asked to come back at later time or on a different day

Many people are looking forward to returning to Mass. We ask you to show love for your neighbour by coming to Mass just once during the first week.

If you are coming along to Mass, please read the guidance on the next page

What about people who are over 70 or have a medical condition?

The recommendation from NPHET is that the over-70's and those with a medical condition continue to stay at home as much as possible and to avoid indoor gatherings. It is, however, your own decision about whether you would like to attend Mass

I can't go to Mass but would still like to receive Holy Communion. What can I do?

On Sunday, Holy Communion will be distributed outside the Church from 12.30pm - 1pm.

If you cannot leave the house, please ring the Parish Office (01 8401188) and we can arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to you one day a week

Can my children come to Mass with me?

Children who are able to sit throughout Mass are welcome to come along. If you child needs to move around, it might be best to follow Mass on the webcam
Please note that there are NO toilet facilities available in the Church or the Parish Centre at the moment.

Can I go to Mass on a weekday instead of a Sunday?

Yes. There is currently NO obligation on the faithful attend Sunday Mass. You may like to choose another day during the week when it may be quieter

What happens if there is a funeral?

The capacity of the Church remains at 50 people. We ask you to follow Mass at home on the webcam to allow family and friends of the deceased to attend the funeral

Will Mass still be broadcast on the Webcam?

Yes! All Masses and Services will be broadcast on webcam via www.brackenstown-parish.com

*We look forward to welcoming you back for
the Celebration of Mass.
Here are the Guidelines we are all asked to
follow for the initial opening*



Please arrive at the Church
at least **20 minutes** before Mass



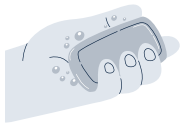
Follow the guidance of our **stewards**



Enter by the **main door**



Wear a **mask** when you come to Mass,
but **NO gloves** please

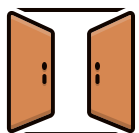


Use **hand sanitizer** as you enter the
Church

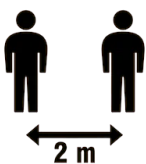


Sit only at the **marked places**

Stay in your place for Holy Communion



Exit by the Side Doors at the invitation
of the stewards



Maintain a **2 meter distance** from
others after you leave the Church
building

If you would like to contribute, you can
do so by placing your envelope in the
boxes provided

Please stay at home...

- if you are feeling unwell

- if someone you have been in contact with is sick

The Parish Team and Re-opening Group are working hard to keep visitors to St. Cronan's Church safe!

- We are keeping up to date with the latest guidelines issued by the Dublin Diocese and making any necessary changes
- Hand Sanitizer is available at all doors
- There is a strict cleaning policy in place
- There are currently NO toilet facilities available either in the Church or Pastoral Centre
- Windows of the Church are left open to allow for good ventilation
- All doors are left open to alleviate the need to touch door handles
- The seating in the Church has been marked to promote physical distancing
- The number of people allowed in the Church under current guidelines has been established. There is a difference between the number the Church can hold under the 2meter rule (93 people) and the number allowed under current Government rules (50 people)

**The Current
Number Allowed in
St. Cronan's Church
is 50 people**

(Accurate as of June 22nd, 2019)

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