

# Mitchelstown Parish

## RETURN TO THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

**Weekday Masses recommencing on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 8.30am (Monday, Thursday & Friday) & 10.00am (Monday to Saturday)**

**Sunday Masses recommencing on 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> July,  
in all three Churches per usual times.  
Masses will be reviewed on a regular basis.**

A return to public worship will be a source of great joy and hope to our parish communities. Public health considerations will, however, require some practical adjustments to the way we celebrate our liturgies. These should not in any way compromise the integrity of the liturgy and every effort will be made to support active participation and prayerful and joyful celebration.

The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day of obligation is extended for the time being for the most vulnerable in our parish community. **If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend church services** in order to protect the safety of all in our community.

Public health authorities advise that people should maintain physical distance from each other. In our churches this will mean that every second row of seats will be kept vacant to protect all parishioners. Signage will indicate seats not to be used.

**Sanitisers** are available at all entrances to our churches. Please **sanitise** your hands on entering and leaving the Church.

Public Health and Government authorities advise that we must maintain a social distance from each other. In Church this means that **every second row of pews** will be closed off.

**Receiving Holy Communion** – Please follow the instructions that will be given at Mass and maintain a social distance from people **not from your household**. Holy Communion will be administered in the hand while standing. Priests and ministers will be wearing a face-covering while distributing Communion.

**Missalettes** will not be available for public use until later in the year.

**Adoration Chapel** will remain closed until further notice.

**Church Collections** will be taken up at the door of the church at you enter. Second collections will be taken up at the end of Mass also at the door.

**Sacrament of Baptism** can be booked through the Parish Office which is open from Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 12noon.

We ask that you refrain from congregating outside the Church after Mass. Please ensure you **always follow social distancing guidelines**.

In line with best practice within enclosed spaces, the **use of face covering is strongly recommended**.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation, as we all adapt to new ways of managing our Parish liturgies. Working together will ensure that everyone is kept safe, well and protected from the Coronavirus. We ask for your cooperation and patience as we all adjust to new ways of doing things.