

Summary

Mass Times:

Sundays **9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm**

Weekdays 9:00am (Mondays 6:30pm)

Confession: in the Adoration Chapel entry via Church

Saturday 10:30-11:30am, 4:30-5:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Daily After morning Mass until 6:00pm

Physical Distancing:

The capacity of the church has been reduced, numbers attending have to be restricted.

Please enter & leave the church in an orderly manner. Do not cluster in aisles or doorways.

Follow the instructions of ushers & signs around the Church.

Pews have been moved to facilitate physical distancing. Please remain in your pew throughout Mass.

Those in the same household may enter & sit together.

All others please maintain a distance of 2 meters (6ft).

There will be no Offertory Procession or Sign of Peace.

Holy Communion will be distributed to the congregation in their seats and may only be received in the hand.

There will be no Irish Mass for the moment it will resume asap.

Hygiene:

Always cough or sneeze into a tissue/elbow.

You are encouraged to carry & use hand sanitiser.

The Celebrant, Eucharistic Ministers & Ushers, will wear face masks if they approach the congregation.

On Sundays, the church will close between morning masses to allow cleaning of pews, kneelers etc. On weekdays the church will not close, but those remaining for Adoration are asked to make way for cleaners.

If you are feeling unwell please do not attend church services.

Our Lady of Victories

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Dear Parishioners,

We are living in strange & difficult times, the like of which few have ever seen. We have made huge personal sacrifices for the greater good, and have demonstrated love of neighbour by staying apart. As a community, we have supported each other in prayer and by watching out for those in isolation. Fr Padraig has continued to offer the sacrifice of the Mass every day for all parishioners. But 'it is not good that man should be alone' and we have missed coming together as a community to pray, to worship and to receive the Sacraments.

Happily, we have been told that the worst of the crisis is passing and that we may return to the public celebration of the Sacraments from **29th June 2020**. This does not mean that all risk is gone or that it is 'business as usual'. In order to protect ourselves and our community, we will have to change how we do things. Change is always difficult, but we have adapted over the past months & we will adapt again. What is important is that we can return to worshipping God together, and to receiving the Sacraments.

This note outlines the precautions we are taking to keep people safe. These arrangements are not permanent and may change according to the latest information. Please read them carefully and pay close attention to notices around the church and to our website where all the information will be posted www.sallynogginandglenagearyparish.com.

While we hope to welcome everyone back, each family should assess what is safe for them. If, for any reason, you feel unable to join us, then please continue to join the wider praying community on TV, radio etc. (the dispensation from Sunday mass attendance remains in place). We will continue to pray for each other.

The Parish Pastoral Council

Responding to a Pandemic.

The Covid-19 virus causes severe illness in some people, it is spread by droplet infection. Protective measures, such as distancing, cough etiquette & hand hygiene have become second nature. The parish has taken advice from both the civil authorities & the Irish Bishops Conference on the practical steps that should be taken around the church, to protect parishioners as we return to the public celebration of the Sacraments.

What Changes will be Implemented?

Sunday Mass times have changed.

In order to allow time for the church to be cleaned properly, it is necessary to leave at least an hour between Masses. All surfaces will be washed & dried including, pews, arm rests/kneelers, candle stands, etc. The doors will open at least 15min before each Mass. Please plan to arrive early as you may have to queue to enter, clustering in doorways must be avoided. Please follow instructions given by ushers.

Church capacity has been reduced.

In order to maintain proper distances pews have been moved & marked 'for use' or 'not for use'. Those in the same household may sit together in a designated pew as normal. Those from different households must maintain 2 meters (6ft) distancing. In this way the church will hold approximately 120 people, it will be necessary to restrict entry to maintain safety. (At present only the 11:30am Sunday mass regularly exceeds this number.)

Liturgy "Changes"

Face Masks: will be worn by ushers, collectors, Ministers of the Eucharist & the Celebrant when they approach near people.

Misalettes: a limited number will be put out for each mass, they may be taken home or discarded after use, they will not be re-used.

Processions: will not take place through the church at present.

Offertory: the gifts will not be brought up to the altar.

Offerings: there will be one collection only, parishioners will be asked to use the envelopes provided & place them in the collectors basket. Baskets will not be passed from hand to hand.

Sign of Peace: will not take place.

Holy Communion: the Celebrant & Minister of the Eucharist will sanitise their hands & don a face mask before distributing Holy Communion. They will move between the pews and parishioners are asked to stand to indicate they wish to receive on the hand. There will be no distribution of Holy Communion on the tongue, as it is impossible to avoid droplet contamination.

What if a Family Member is Unwell or High Risk?

If you are unwell or experience any of the symptoms of Covid-19, even if mild, you may be carrying the virus. Please contact your GP for advice & do not attend the church until you are well again.

It is important that parishioners take account of their own situation in deciding whether or not to return to church at this time. If you, or a family member, are unable to attend church and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office on 01 2854667. We will make every effort to visit you safely.

Are these Changes Permanent?

No. These measures are based on advice relating to our current risk. If the situation or the advice changes, then they will be reviewed. Please keep an eye on notices around the church and our parish website for the latest information.

How Can I Help?

If you are willing to go on a roster for cleaning / ushering etc. then please call the parish office. The last few months have seen a significant drop in contributions to the fund that supports our priests. If you are able to make an extra contribution or set up a regular contribution through donate button on the website we would be most grateful.

Please pray for all our parishioners.