



Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



Streaming our Sunday Mass on Facebook Live is far from perfect. The sound is not great, the picture is not always clear. In spite of the problems we have been requested to continue, and will happily do so for the moment. LoughlinstownParishChurch at 11am on Sunday.

If you do not find it helpful PLEASE go to another online Mass.

A few queries:

- a) Is social distancing observed in St. Columbanus Church?
- b) Do people wear face coverings in the Church?
- c) Are there problems of crowding for Holy Communion?
- d) Is there congregating outside the Church before and after Mass?
- e) Is the practice of sanitising of hands followed by the congregation?
- f) What is the safe number of people who may be present in the Church?

Our mission is to keep you our parishioners, safe at all times while attending our church. We are following all HSE and Diocesan guidelines.

Here are our standards set out by our "Return Committee"


Parishioners are asked to:

- ❖ Adhere to the social distance guidelines of 2 Metres and to follow the instructions from the church stewards.
- ❖ Wear face mask at all times and only to remove temporarily to receive Holy Communion. If for health reasons you cannot wear a face mask you are asked to wear a face visor.
- ❖ You must sanitise your hands on entering the Church. Sanitisers are provided at the entrance to the Church or you may use your own sanitiser.
- ❖ When receiving communion you are asked to follow the instructions given by the priest on the day of the Mass you are attending (as it can vary depending on the amount of parishioners in the Church). This will help with the safe distribution of Holy Communion.
- ❖ Parishioners are asked NOT to congregate, either before or after Mass in the Church or Church car park.
- ❖ At present only 50 people are allowed into the Church. This will include the priest, sacristan, Eucharistic ministers and stewards. We can also accommodate 20 people in the Pastoral Centre and they can take part in the Mass on the TV. Holy Communion will also be brought in to the parishioners in the Pastoral Centre.

Other safety measures undertaken to ensure the safety of our parishioners are:

- ❖ The Church is thoroughly cleaned and sanitised after each Mass in preparation for the following Mass.
- ❖ All utensils used during Mass are cleaned and sanitised after every service.
- ❖ Parishioners are asked not to enter the parish office or the Sacristy when looking to speak to the parish secretary or priest. You are asked to stand behind the yellow marking on the floor. This ensures both your safety and the safety of the priest and parish staff.

Your brother in Christ


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