

Public Masses resume in the Church of the Holy Rosary

Public Masses in the Church of the Holy Rosary will resume on Saturday morning July 18th at 10am followed by 7pm Saturday evening, 8.30am, 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sunday July 19th. **Please note the change of time from 12noon to 12.30pm**, to facilitate church cleaning between Masses. Only **40** people are allowed into each Mass that weekend.

From Monday, July 20th, **100** people are allowed in for Mass, in 2 groups of 50. Each group will have a separate entry and exit door as required. Entry will be by one of the 2 doors on the car park side of the church, as directed by the stewards. It will be necessary to queue for entry respecting social distancing while doing so. The church will open 30 minutes before Mass. On the occasion of a Month's Mind and First Anniversary Mass only, 1 seat will be reserved for the family. Those unable to gain entry for Mass will be able to receive Holy Communion after Mass by queueing in the same manner as before Mass and as directed by the stewards.

Once inside the church you will sanitise your hands and be directed to your seat, where you will remain until directed to your exit door. The use of face coverings is strongly recommended. For health and safety reasons toilet facilities will no longer be available.

It is important to remember that the obligation to attend Mass no longer applies during this pandemic. Also, if you are feeling in any way unwell you should not come to Mass. If you can get to Mass once a week or even once a month, that would be good. That would mean Sunday Masses could be left for families and for those who cannot get to a weekday Mass. **Once again, note the change on Sundays from 12noon to 12.30pm.** Also as the Saturday 10am Mass tends to have many intentions, you might consider leaving that Mass to the families concerned.

For the present, 7pm Mass on Mondays and 8am Mass from Tuesday to Friday will not be public Masses. You will be welcome to join us on Parish Radio at 105.3fm or on our live broadcast at castlebarparish.ie/web-cam

All these measures are to keep everybody safe. Please co-operate with our volunteers who are making it possible for some, at least, to attend Mass again. We look forward to welcoming you back.