Masses

10am Sunday 5th July For people of parish.

10am Monday 6th " All the people of Clontuskert but especially those who were very good to me during the lockdown.

10am Tuesday 7th " Johnny Madden & deceased members of Madden family Carrowkeel. Peter & Agnes Dowd Ardranney.

10am Wednesday 8th " Éamon Óg Lally.
10am Thursday 9th " Mary Keogh.
10am Friday 10th " --------
1pm Saturday 11th " Marriage.
10am Sunday 12th " Raymond Black.

And also include everyone who has died due to Coronavirus.

Congratulations to Katie & Christy Costello on the baptism of their baby daughter, Margaret Grace yesterday (Saturday 4th July).

I will have a broad smile on my face tomorrow morning when I will have a live congregation of real people in front of me, for the first time in over three months. Everyone who would like to come will be welcome. 37 is the maximum that our church can accommodate at the moment. Please do whatever the person volunteer who meets you at the door asks you to do. Two or three people from outside the parish used to come fairly regularly to morning mass in Clontuskert, they are of course, also welcome to come now.

There will be no congregation on Sunday until Sunday July 26th when hopefully we will be able to accommodate everyone who wants to come to Sunday Mass.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Energy after school (LCDG) are holding an information night in Lawrencetown Community Hall on Tuesday 7th July at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear all about our new afterschool childcare service."

Return to attending mass in St. Augustine’s church, Clontuskert.

From **Monday July 6th** weekday Masses will be celebrated with parishioners in the church.

**Mass Times:**
- Monday - Thursday 10am
- Friday evening 8pm
- Saturday 10am

The support team have followed the guidance (document for dioceses/parishes returning to public celebration of mass) and put measures in place to safely reopen for public worship and sacraments.

The 2-metre physical distancing has reduced church capacity to **33** individuals attending, however people attending be from the same household, they can be seated together and the figure can rise to **50** people (this is the maximum for indoor gathering at present).

We do not envisage an issue with capacity for daily masses and would welcome all who would like to attend and ‘re-engage with the public life of the church with confidence…….’

**Considerations:** The dispensation from attending Sunday/holy days of obligation continues for the foreseeable future (Bishops of Ireland). There is no obligation to attend mass.

Any weekly mass attendance is as good as mass on a Sunday therefore we invite those who wish to attend their weekly Mass on days other than Sunday.

The church layout is changed: Access is by the main door only and all are asked to remember to maintain physical distancing when entering and exiting church. In the porch area there will be a steward present to provide direction who will be best placed to advise people on what to do; there will be a hand sanitiser and a log (for your contact details (contact tracing), there will also be a collection box at this point for your donations, to avoid need for baskets etc.

- The pews have been moved to allow access from either side and for access at communion time, some pews are blocked off and areas to sit are marked clearly at either end of ‘open’ pews
- At Communion time the Priest/Eucharist minister will sanitise their hands and wear a mask before distributing Holy Communion at the seat. Communion will be given in the hands only.

The first Sunday Mass with a congregation will be later in July and we will plan accordingly to facilitate access for all safely. We will communicate the plan to parishioners.

If you are available and willing to help stewarding/cleaning/liturgical duties let any member of pastoral council know or Fr Finneran.

Wearing a face covering or mask is an extra line of defence.

Those who are unwell or have any symptoms that might be Covid 19 are asked to **stay at home**, get necessary care and participate, if possible, on the radio.

Dpt. of Health advice to people over 70yrs or those with a condition that makes them extremely medically vulnerable is, to stay at home as much as possible. This is difficult and people have choice and should exercise due caution if they do go out.