

# COVID-19

## **Guidance for the Reopening of St Patrick's Broughshane for Services in Church Buildings**



## 1. Introduction

For the foreseeable future there will be two services every Sunday from the beginning of September 2020.

- In the church hall at 10.30am.
- In the church at 11.30am.

The guidance in this document applies to both services.

Additionally, the church hall will be available on Wednesday evenings for booked groups.

## 2. Guidance for parishioners

**If you, or anyone in your household, is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, or who has reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, then you should not attend Church or volunteer to be physically present in any capacity until you have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.**

## 3. Social Distancing and Hygiene

Social distancing and good hand hygiene are key to the strategy for reducing the transmission of COVID-19. Wherever possible please adhere to the two-metre rule. Use sanitiser provided and avoid touching your face.



## 4. Face Masks and Gloves

It is recommended that all parishioners over the age of 13 wear a face covering where social distancing is not possible. Gloves may be worn by an individual if desired.

## 5. Arrival at Church

Maintaining social distancing may be difficult. However, please endeavour to do so whilst waiting outside the church and until directed by a church warden or assistant.

There will be one entrance and a separate exit to each venue.

- Church hall. The entrance will be the main entrance.
- Church. The entrance will be through the Buckna Road door.

**There will be no access to the building permitted through any other entrance.**

## 6. Seating

Seating will be clearly marked. You will be escorted to your seat by the church wardens. Parishioners who live in the same household or who are in a family 'bubble' but from different households can sit in the same row. All other parishioners will be seated separately.

**Parishioners must complete a form which will be found in each row of seats. Please drop the completed form in the box at the exit at the end of the service. Information in the forms will be held in confidence, solely for the purposes of tracking and tracing in the event of an incident of COVID-19.**

There will be no hymn books or prayer books available, but service sheets will be provided. Please bring your own books if you wish.

Services will continue to be available on Facebook, Zoom, the parish's website and by telephone. Further details are on the website.

## 7. Conduct of the Service

Social distancing should be maintained throughout the service by all those present.

*There will be no group singing, so please avoid singing, shouting, raising voices, especially during responses.*

Holy Communion will not be available for the time being, and there is to be no physical shaking of hands during the Peace.

There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service.

## 8. Leaving the Church

Please remain in your seat until directed by the church wardens or assistants.

Please maintain social distancing as you disperse and take home everything you brought with you including masks, tissues and other personal protective equipment.

