

WEEKLY BULLETIN July 12th 2020



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph & Ellen Donnelly, Ann Berney, Larry & Gretta Berney, Emily Mahon, James Mulvihill, Michael Shalloo, Edward Winstanley, Grace Lyons, Jim Cribbin, Ita Mulvihill, Laurence Lynch, Phil McAuliffe, Brendan O'Reilly his wife, Margaret, and son Brendan Jnr.,

And for Oliver Allen whose Month's Mind occurs.

May they share in the joy of heaven.

Marriage Preparation Courses

ACCORD Dublin continues to provide marriage preparation courses for couples in the diocese. Despite having had to between March and July, we were able to reschedule the majority of our couples and for those whose weddings are going ahead during this period, we are delivering individual courses via Zoom. Our team of experienced facilitators is being assisted by 3 priests and a Deacon. The feedback from these courses has been overwhelmingly positive. We can reassure you that any coupled referred to us will be taken care of to our usual high standard.

Church collections last week 3rd July

1st Collection €1,045 and Share €775.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

The HSE, this Wednesday July 8th, published a 14 page document on Covid-19 guidance for Religious Services. We will follow its advice closely.

We encourage parishioners not to become complacent about the need to be 2 metres apart at all times. If in a seat where two are permitted to be seated please be vigilant about that. It's not just a matter that only two may sit there but that in doing so they're no less than 2 metres away from each other. People who live in the same home may of course sit together. We're encouraged by the HSE to stay at home if we're in the over 70 age group, classified as extremely vulnerable- even if we're fit and well. People in that age category are asked to rely instead on the webcam streaming of Mass or on the daily TV transmission RTE News Now at 10.30am. Those over 60 are classified as very vulnerable, even if they are fit and well. Those with long term medical conditions such as heart disease or lung disease are also included in this very vulnerable group. as are those who are obese or suffer from diabetes or liver disease or have cancer. Many of our parishioners, including the priests, are in these very vulnerable and extremely vulnerable age groups, so please take all the necessary precautions that you can. In light of the HSE publication the cabinet committee related the following press release on Covid -19 as it affects places of worship.

Cabinet Committee Review on Places of Worship

Detailed Covid-19 Guidance has been developed for religious services. The Cabinet Committee reviewed the guidance, which state that an assessment should be carried out for each premises to determine how many can attend within the requirements of social distancing.

The Cabinet Committee decided that where the size of the premises allows for a capacity of greater than 50 this may be permitted only where:

- Social distancing guidelines are adhered to
- The premises can be subdivided into distinct sections (cordoned or marked appropriately) of not more than 50 persons in each section
- There is a minimum of 4m between sections
- Each section having its own entrance/exit route
- There are separate arrangements for elements of the service involving close contact, e.g. the distribution of Holy Communion
- Strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service
- The premises is well-ventilated.

Account must also be taken regarding the risk of congregation by people outside before and after any services, having regard to outdoor overall limits on mass gatherings and arrangements for staggered exiting after ceremonies

The use of face coverings is strongly recommended for such indoor settings.