## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARISHIONERS**

Dear parishioners and friends,

Due to the rise in Covid infection and the new variant which is proving more infectious. I felt the need as your parish priest to re-iterate a few necessary guidelines so that we can keep everyone as safe as possible during their visit to Church.

As we all know the current law is to avoid contact with other people as much as possible to reduce infection spread. The government has allowed Churches to continue public worship within strict safety guidelines and it is important that we all understand these guidelines and that we follow them as best we can.

## **GUIDELINES**

On entering and leaving Church, and when coming forward for Holy Communion, please do keep 2 metres distance from people who are not part of your family or your social bubble. The stewards will guide you, so please do listen carefully to their instructions.

Please avoid unnecessary conversation with the stewards but please do follow their directions and ask for help where necessary.

Please do use the hand gel provided on entering and leaving Church.

Please wear a face mask while in Church unless you are exempt. The mask should, where possible, cover both your mouth and your nose.

Please do not move around the Church to talk to others.

Please wait in your seat until the stewards invite you forward for Holy Communion.

Please wait in your seat until the stewards invite you to leave Church at the end of Mass.

You are welcome to collect a news bulletin on your way out from Church, and to place your donations in the baskets provided, but please do not linger in the porch.

It is important that you please leave the Church grounds as promptly as possible.

If you wish to go to confession, please would you enter through the main hall entrance from the carpark and on leaving confession please follow the pavement on Herbert Road and enter Church at the Herbert Road entrance so that you can register your attendance for Mass. If confessions are being held at the end of Mass, then please follow the above directions in reverse.

DEACON KEVIN AND I WISH TO BE AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO US. WHERE POSSIBLE WOULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT US BY PHONE OR EMAIL (contact details are on the newsletter). BUT OF COURSE, YOU CAN TALK TO US AFTER MASS IF THIS IS BETTER FOR YOU. PLEASE SPEAK TO THE STEWARD WHEN YOU ARE INVITED TO LEAVE CHURCH AND THEY WILL ADVISE YOU ACCORDINGLY.