

**Re-Opening of Churches:**

We are delighted that Sunday Mass with a Congregation will be available in Our Lady of Lourdes Church from today, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July, at 9am, 11am and 6.30pm. However, we will have to do so with restricted numbers. Face coverings must be worn in the Church. Social distancing of 2m must be observed and stewarding and sanitisation measures must be in place.

Due to the restriction of numbers it will not be possible for everyone to attend Mass every week. There will also be some who as yet may feel anxious about attending. As a result, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

To try to ensure that everyone who wishes to attend Mass has the chance to do so we need to allocate places at Mass. If you wish to have a place allocated to you as an individual or family, please follow the link on our website or Facebook and complete "the survey". (If possible, we would prefer this way). If you are uncomfortable about doing so then please drop a note through the church house letterbox with details of name, contact e-mail(preferred)/phone and the time of Mass you wish to attend or telephone the church house. Please pass this information to others.

Allocation dates and times of Masses were issued on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm. **Requests received after that time will be advised of their allocation dates early next week. Please do not attend Mass unless you have received your allocation.**

Please use the sanitiser provided on entering and leaving the Church and please follow the guidance of the volunteers who are there to help us. Our volunteers will guide us to a particular seat. Entrance will be from the usual door at the back and exit through the sacristy/emergency exit. Toilet facilities are not available.

Funeral Masses and weddings can take place in the Church with a maximum of 20 people. Baptisms are also now permitted in the Church. Confessions can be arranged on request.

Mass will be available on Wednesday and Friday morning of this coming week at 10am. If and once our restricted number is reached it will not be possible to enter the church. Name and contact details must be given for reasons of traceability. Face coverings must be worn.

We hope that streaming of Mass from our church will be available soon.

Thank you to those who gave their time and skills to make the allocation of Masses possible.

We would also like to thank all those who have volunteered to help with stewarding and cleaning. It is not possible to open the church without this help. If anyone else would like to help please e-mail Fr. Peter at [ourladyoflourdes@rcdop.org.uk](mailto:ourladyoflourdes@rcdop.org.uk) or telephone 01505 862471 with your name and contact details.

Thank you for being so patient.

**Please pray for the sick:**

Shannon Morrison, Anna Boyle, Ian Watson, Mavis McCann, Frank McGarry, George Henderson, Mary Beaton, Mary Gildea, Wiktoria Zubek, Gary Torrance, Emma McSkeane, Rachel Shiels, Fr. Jim O'Brien, Neil Ferry, Paul Rob, Betty Glancy, David Gisbey, John Paterson, all those who are seriously ill as a result of the coronavirus, their loved ones and all who care for them.

**Please pray for those who have died recently and their families:**

Hugh Reynolds.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about now:**

Neil Harold, Sadie and Con McCole.