

SAFE RETURN TO MASS – what YOU can do

- 1. Stay home if unwell or in a high risk group**
Please do not come to Mass if you are experiencing any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19. Vulnerable and elderly people and those with underlying conditions are asked to follow the most up to date health advice. **The dispensation by the Irish Bishops from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is still in place.**
- 2. Note reduced seating capacity**
The capacity of the church has been significantly reduced. Please come early or consider attending a weekday Mass or one of the less well attended Sunday Masses.
- 3. Note the new entrance-only and exit-only doorways**
The church may only be entered from the main door; the side doors are for exit only (except for wheelchair users).
- 4. Sanitise your hands on entry**
Always sanitise your hands on the way into the Church. You are welcome to use the sanitisers provided.
- 5. Maintain physical distancing**
Physical distancing **must** be maintained outside and inside the church, including when approaching the altar for Holy Communion. Households are welcome to sit together.
- 6. Follow signage**
Please follow the Covid signage in the church in relation to which pews are to be used and how to approach for Holy Communion and return to your seat.
- 7. Receive Holy Communion only in the hand**
Holy Communion will only be distributed in the hand. Ministers of the Eucharist will wear face masks and will sanitise their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion, and additionally as may be required.
- 8. Leave no trace**
Please leave the church as you would hope to find it. You are invited to take your missalettes home. Please do not leave anything behind.
- 9. Take personal responsibility**
We all have a duty to use common sense and follow public health advice. The use of face masks is left to the judgment of parishioners, having regard to public health advice at any given time.
- 10. Be patient**
Celebrating the Sacraments in the shadow of Covid-19 presents novel challenges for everyone, clergy and people alike. With time and experience there will be opportunities for refining these safety measures. We are all called to show consideration and charity to each other as we adapt to these new circumstances.

For more information on the protective measures being taken by the Parish to ensure your safety visit www.donnybrookparish.ie