RETURNING TO MASS SAFELY

Castlegregory Parish - St. Mary’s and St. Brendan’s

**We all look forward to returning to Mass and being able to receive Holy Communion from Monday 29th June. Our congregations will be limited due to social distancing but we hope that it will be possible for everyone to have an opportunity over the course of the week to attend Mass at least once. Dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Day Mass will continue for the foreseeable future, so any day of the week will suffice. We hope the following will clarify some of questions you may have:**

* **The churches will be able to cater for 50 people at each Mass. This includes, the priest, Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, Ushers.**
* **Families will be considered as one unit as the members of the family will be able to sit in one seat.**
* **In St. Mary’s initially, there will be a ticket system in place for the Sunday Mass only @ 10.30am. The week day Masses do not require a ticket at the moment while the numbers attending are monitored. If it gets busy during the holiday season, a ticket system will be introduced for the week day Masses too.**
* **St. Brendan’s will not have a ticket system for any of the Masses at the moment**
* **See over-leaf for booking for a Sunday Mass**
* **There will be ushers in attendance at all the Masses to help people get used to the new system and we would ask everyone to be respectful of each other and be patient as we all adjust. After a while it will get easier.**
* **Entrance and Exit will be by the front door of the church and the front gate of the church. Disabled access at St. Mary’s will be by the glass door at the rear of the church which can be accessed through the carpark. Disabled access in St. Brendan’s is at the side door.**
* **Hand sanitizers will be at the entrance to the church - please ensure you sanitize your hands on entry and exit**
* **Holy Communion received at the Altar rails only. Those who are coeliac come to the altar rails first. Anyone is unable to receive at the altar rails, please inform one of the sacristans or usher before Mass.**
* **Wear a face covering or mask if at all possible**
* **The elderly or parishioners who are at high risk, may not feel ready or comfortable returning to Mass at the moment and may continue to watch the streamed Masses.**
* **If you are feeling unwell, or displaying any symptoms, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS**

**St. Mary’s**

**Masses will take place**

**Monday @ 7.00pm,**

**Tuesday @ 10.00am**

**Thursday @ 10.00am**

**Friday @ 7.00pm.**

**Sunday @ 10.30am.**

**St. Brendan’s**

**Tuesday @ 7.00pm**

**Saturday vigil @ 6.45pm**

**Tickets for Sunday Masses**

**May be booked at St Mary’s Church**

**Tuesdays 10.30am to 12.00**

**Or**

**Thursdays 10.30am to 12.00**

**Or**

**Call the parish mobile on 087 1438060 at these times only for booking**

**The changes should not take away from the joy of being able to gather once again for the Eucharist and to give praise and thanks to God for keeping our parish safe. Please bear with us while we work together for everyone’s safe return**