

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE ON MASSES AND CEREMONIES HERE IN ST JUDES

Talking with a few fellow priests we see no other way than to do the opposite of what we have been doing all our priestly lives and ask you our parishioners **Not** to come to Masses here in St Jude's during this time of crisis.

I will celebrate Mass at the usual weekday times of 0930 Monday to Friday and you can of course watch from the safety of your own homes via computer or smart phone. Other masses at different times can be accessed via the MCN Website (Accessible from Our Parish's Website also) and also Radio Maria on 210 Saorview TV.

As for Sundays and St Patrick's Day – we will just have one mass like the Pope in Santa Martha, not open to the public, celebrated in the church and on-line at 10am. Now the Holy Father has Swiss Guards to stop entry, I depend on your good sense and civic spirit. However I propose that on these days after the mass I will be available until 1230 and happy to give individuals Holy Communion.

These are extraordinary times and as the Tanaiste said normally in times of crisis we come together, but at this unique time of crisis we are asked not to come together but to pray for each other at home, or in empty but safer churches.

Fr. Brendan

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