

St. Mary Star of the Sea. Largs
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Dear Friends

A few other details for your information are given below.

- ❖ You will be able to enter St. Mary's no sooner than 20 minutes before Mass is due to begin. We aim to have everyone seated by 5 minutes before Mass starts.
- ❖ There will be no confessions before or after Mass. If you wish the sacrament, please consult the notice in the regular weekly bulletin for information on how to arrange it.
- ❖ Please remember that, if you wish to use the Mass leaflet for a given Sunday Mass, you will need to print it out at home from the parish website, bring it with you and take it away again at the end of Mass.
- ❖ I know that sometimes after Mass, people may have need to come and see me in the sacristy. However, this will not now be possible due to the present circumstances, so please heed the "no entry" sign to the sacristy. I would ask you instead either to email me on largs@gallowaydiocese.org.uk or to telephone me on the parish number (please always leave a message if I do not pick up) to arrange an appointment. I am more than happy to oblige.
- ❖ Since we have a fan heating system, it will not be possible to have the heating on during Mass in order to avoid the danger of spreading any viral aerosols further than they might naturally spread. If the temperature merits it, the heating will be put on for an hour before Mass, but be turned off before anyone comes into the church.
- ❖ If you want any water blessed, please bring it with you to Mass. I will bless it briefly from the sanctuary before the end of Mass. Just bring any bottle of water you have for this purpose out of your bag and hold it in your hand (no need to take off the top) as I give the blessing. The blessing also applies to any devotional items you may have (crucifixes, rosaries, etc.).
- ❖ Before coming to Mass, I encourage you to read my Letter to parishioners of the other day on the spiritual preparation for returning to Mass. It is on the parish website, and a link can be found on the parish Twitter and Facebook accounts.

May the Lord in his great loving care guide our steps as we move forward one day at a time.

Kindest wishes, prayers and every blessing,

Mgr. Peter Magee, PP