

## **COVID 19 – Updated Guidance from our Bishops**

- Use of hand sanitiser and face masks continues
- Cleaning of churches after use continues
- Indoor congregational singing is still prohibited
  
- ❖ **For Mass**: The bidding Prayers can be reintroduced. The Offertory Procession can be reintroduced with those involved sanitising their hands before. Booking and use of the QR code remain.
- ❖ **Baptisms and weddings** can be attended by 30 people who will need to give names and contact details.
- ❖ **Funerals** can be attended by the number equal to the safe capacity of the church (48 St Mary's and 36 St Wilfrid's) incense may now be used at funeral services.
- ❖ **Confession/Reconciliation**: rules for using the confessionals are too impractical in the present situation. I suggest individual confessions can take place by arrangement and on the sanctuary before Sunday Mass at St Wilfrid's as we managed previously. Masks are required.
- ❖ **Home visits** for Holy Communion by Eucharistic Ministers or visiting by SVP and others: a minimum of visits should take place to different homes in a single session. It is recommended that one morning and one afternoon visit is made in any single day. The visit must have the agreement of the person being visited. Hand sanitising and face masks are required and the length of time spent should be minimised without being disrespectful.
- ❖ **Church groups** for over 18s can now accommodate up to 30 individuals plus 'staff'. All standard steps to reduce risk continue to be required.
- ❖ Help with offering to sanitise church premises after events is always greatly appreciated.

