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Dear Volunteer,

First of all, I and Fr John would like to convey our thanks to you all for your hard work of the past week or so in enabling us to open the church each day. Can I add a special thanks to Lucille for all her organisation and commitment. I do think that it has gone very smoothly and pretty well according to plan.

Lucille will be emailing you once again as we now have to revise our rota in accordance with the government guidelines enabling us to resume the celebration of Mass, albeit with limited numbers.

The plan is to begin our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

Saturday	Open at 5.45pm	close at 6.45pm
Sunday:	Open at 8.00am	close at 9.00am
	Open at 9.15am	close at 10.15am
	Open at 10.45am	close at 11.45am
	Open at 5.00pm	close at 6.00pm

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned.

Needless to say this will involve a huge undertaking on the part of volunteers. I write to ask which day(s) you might be able to undertake. Also do you know of anyone you might be able to encourage to steward/clean? Word of mouth is always the best way. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions.

We will be reducing the social distancing to 1 metre plus but that means that each person coming to Mass must wear a mask. We anticipate the maximum capacity to be around 100 persons.

The Cardinal has recommended that the Mass is not long. So what differences might there be in addition to Social distancing?

- No singing;
- No Prayer of the faithful;
- No offertory procession;
- No sign of peace;
- No giving of the chalice;
- No communion on the tongue – in the hand only and standing;
- Communion will be given after the end of Mass thus enabling people not to be moving around too much and to leave immediately;
- One server only. Younger servers will not be encouraged to serve at this time.

We will continue with:

- Sanitising hands on entry and departure;
- Sanitising hands before and after lighting votive candles;
- The one-way system;
- A social distancing seating plan;
- No touching or kissing of religious items or statues;
- The toilets being closed as well as the parish centre;
- No return or leaving behind of any leaflets;
- The collection in buckets at the door of departure.

Volunteers must continue to wear:

- Masks;

- Gloves;
- Aprons for cleaning.

As each person is required to wear a mask there will be a limited amount of masks available at the door (They can also be bought from the shop across the road).

Readers are also required to wear single-use gloves.

Provision is being made for the hearing of confessions. Once it is known how that can be achieved in a safe environment, we will let everyone know.

You might find this video of the Cardinal helpful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLsYL5yggVI&feature=youtu.be>

The guidelines are quite extensive but this should give you a clear understanding of the direction we will have to take.

Thank you again for all your commitment and hard work.

with continued prayers.

Fr Jeremy