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July 2020



**Public Mass Times
in St Margaret's from
28th July 2020**

Tuesday: 10.30am

Thursday: 10.30am

Friday: 10.30am

Saturday: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10am

***Monday – No Mass**

***Wednesday – Live
Stream Mass only**

**Confessions are
available on request
- please contact Fr.
Ronald**

KEY POINTS:

**SANITISE HANDS UPON
ENTRY TO THE CHURCH**

**WAIT TO BE DIRECTED
TO YOUR PEW**

**WEAR FACE
MASK/COVERING
THROUGHOUT MASS
(Under 5's exempt)**

**STAY IN PEW FOR
COMMUNION –
COMMUNION IN HAND
ONLY**

**MOVE STRAIGHT
OUTSIDE WHEN
INSTRUCTED TO DO SO
AFTER MASS**

Resumption of Public Mass in St Margaret's

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a great joy that we are able to begin to celebrate as a parish family together again as we re-open St Margaret's for public worship. Although things are still far from 'normal' for us, I know the opportunity to attend Mass again and receive the Eucharist will be something that will give you much comfort as we take these next steps out of lockdown.

*You will notice the days and times for Public Mass each week. **This will take effect from Tuesday, 28th July.***

To attend a Mass pre-booking is ESSENTIAL. To pre-book please telephone Fr. Ronald: 01546 602380 or email: lochgilphead@rcdai.org.uk

You will appreciate that after social distancing measures, our already small church has even less capacity and I know you'll understand if your first choice of Mass time is not available.

The hope is that over the 5 Masses that are available, we will be able to accommodate all who wish to attend. I would ask that if it is possible for you to attend during the week that you consider doing this so that we can keep the Saturday and Sunday Masses free for those who are working/have midweek commitments.

***The Sunday obligation does not apply during this time** and all Masses will be simplified (no singing, no Gloria or creed, 1 reading, shortened homily, no receiving from the Chalice); therefore, you will not be 'missing out' on anything by not attending on a Saturday evening or a Sunday.*

Everyone must sanitise hands upon entry to the church and will then be directed to their pew. Face masks/coverings must be worn throughout Mass. At Communion time, Fr. Ronald will go to each pew and distribute Communion. Communion must be received on the hand.

At the end of Mass please wait in your pew until you are instructed to leave. Please move straight outside as you leave the church. There is plenty of space in the garden if you wish to chat and catch up with others.

After consultation, reflection and prayer, I've taken the decision that Mass at All Saints, Inveraray will remain suspended for the time being. I don't feel as though I can have the same control measures in place as in St Margaret's just yet, but be assured this is under constant review as fresh guidelines are published. I hope some of our All Saints parishioners may find a day to suit them to attend Mass at St Margaret's, but I appreciate that this is not ideal so please accept my apologies for that.

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*I stress again that there is **no obligation** to attend Mass at this time, so please do what you feel is right for your own particular circumstances and health. It will be a joy to welcome you back whenever you feel ready and able to do so. I am very happy to visit those unable to attend Mass to receive the Sacrament of Confession and/or Communion. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like a visit.*

*All Masses will continue to be Live Streamed via our YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5MuOW1KEBfHQBQD37ui6yA>*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the many different ways in which you have supported the parish and myself at this time. Please do go to our parish website www.lochgilpheadcatholic.com and Facebook page (search 'St Margaret's Parish, Lochgilphead') for the most up to date information. Alternatively you can telephone or email Fr. Ronald.

With my continued thanks and prayers,

Fr. Ronald

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