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Parish Office – Third Sunday of Lent—March 15th 2020.

Office Opening Times: 9.30am - 12.30pm. Monday to Friday.

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Diocesan / Parish Recommendations relating to the Coronavirus.

The most important aspect of the above is to **protect** all members of our Parishes and Communities. Decisions relating to these activities may even change on a day to day basis.

While some of the following safeguards have already been initiated, more will follow. Therefore, any planning in relation to future Parish activities will depend on the situations prevailing at that time.

Our Special Ministers of the Eucharist will **not** bring Holy Communion to the sick / housebound until the virus has been controlled. This helps to **protect** both the Special Minister and the Recipient. For the same reason, the Priest will confine his house-visits to times of emergency.

The following must be put into practise at all times.

Holy Water Fonts to be kept empty. **Hand sanitizers** to be made available.

Sign of Peace to be discontinued. **Holy Communion** to be only distributed in the hand.

Other Guidelines.

Stay at home if you feel unwell or if you have been somewhere that has a presumed outbreak during the previous 14days. There is **NO** obligation to attend Mass at such times.

Continuing Diocesan / Parish information will be published whenever necessary.

Sympathizing by handshaking at **funerals** must be considered dangerous and unnecessary. Although it is a tradition which has always been part of our funeral activity, it should no longer happen. The family of the deceased can recognize all in a line which may walk past them at a sensible distance. As a result of Government recommendations indoor groups of more than 100 are not suggested.

Therefore the use of the Church Webcam, which has now been repaired, would be very useful.

For those who do not understand its use, ask a friend / youth to set up a Laptop, Smart Phone uploaded to your TV or Roku dongle which will pick up the MCN channel.

Mass will continue to be celebrated but now shared in different ways.

The Wednesday Parish Cluster Meeting was enjoyed by approximately 80 representatives from the five Parishes. Individuals and Parishes commented on Parish Life at this time and the needs of the future. The Spiritual Work of the Priest, Parish Administration and lay Involvement tended to be the main topics. Everyone left with greater understanding and some new ideas. An amalgamation of the results from the seven Diocesan Meetings will soon be available.

To all Visitors :

Please retain your Home Parish Envelopes for home Church use as it is presumed that all envelopes / donations allocated in Bundoran Parish Church are contributions to our present Parish Debt of One Million Euro.

Pastoral Centre Rooms / Free Parking / €10 per hour donation to Parish Funds. Contact Parish Office.