

# Diocese of Motherwell

## Standard Instructions/Advice issued while anticipating instructions regarding the re-opening of churches.

### Information [provisional for the parish family of St. Brendan, Muirhouse:

- Young and middle aged parishioners should consider volunteering to take on the many tasks that will help this parish meet the minimum requirements for interior and exterior hygiene and the safe use of the church.
- *A parish Secretary is needed to record the names of all those who attend Mass and to set out the next date when they will be able to return for Mass.*
- Parishioners should maintain at least a 2 metre distance from one another.
- We must carefully plan how to make the best use of our four entrances/exits to allow us the fullest possible use of the church
- Parishioners should wear face coverings whenever in the church.
- Volunteers should sew face coverings suitable for use by parishioners who don't have one at present. *The parish has a supply of standard masks*
- We need to prepare signage to show those entering through one of our four entrances and exits where hand sanitiser, face coverings etc are available.
- Volunteers for cleaning
  - Cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces regularly whilst wearing disposable gloves. Nb: Wash hands with soap and water immediately after gloves are removed.
  - disinfectants and bleaches containing ethanol, hydrogen peroxide or sodium hypochlorite should be used for cleaning.
  - Solutions should be mixed anew each day to make sure they stay strong - so don't use the same solution overnight.
  - The recipe for an effective cleaning solution is:
    - 1:50 household bleach solution for intermediate to high level disinfection:
    - For spray bottles – 20ml household bleach to 1000ml water
    - For buckets – 100ml household bleach to 5000ml water.
  - Reusable gloves must be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces for COVID-19 and should not be used for other purposes.
  - Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces daily in common areas (e.g. tables, hard-backed chairs and pews, doorknobs, light switches, phones, tablets, touch screens, remote controls, keyboards, handles, desks, toilets, sinks) etc.

- Hand sanitisers with 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol should be used where possible. It should be noted that these sanitisers are flammable and need to be stored safely and care should be taken until hands have dried.
- However, it is best that parishioners wash their hands with soap and water where possible.
- *Parishioners who are within the 'vulnerable groups' should not volunteer.*

Can we meet these conditions? If not, then the parish won't re-open at all or at least not until this present pandemic threat to our health has passed into history - if that ever happens.

We need to begin now to set up a team of volunteers from the permitted age range and we need to coordinate this team of parishioners with administrative support to record their names, addresses and contact details and an attendance record of all who take part in maintaining the hygiene and cleanliness of the building and its environs.

If you want to be part of this group - and it should include of necessity men as well as women - please send an email confirmation to Fr. Ness on [ojness@hotmail.com](mailto:ojness@hotmail.com). He cannot attend to this personally and so the details will be forwarded to the parishioner who in time will take the administrative lead in maintaining the parish record of participants - this is also a requirement.