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Mass to resume

We are glad to announce that Mass will be celebrated again in our Church on Monday, 29th June, 2020 at 9.30am. Morning Mass from Monday to Saturday will be at 9.30am. Usual Mass times for weekends: Vigil Saturday at 6.15pm, Sunday, 9.00am, 10.30am and 12.15pm. Friday next, 3rd July, 2020, is the First Friday and mass times are 9.30am and 7.30pm. Certain restrictions are in place to help us and keep us safe:

1. The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being.
2. Seating is arranged for singles, for couples and for families. Please follow signage.
3. One reader will read all the Readings.
4. Ministers of the Eucharist will distribute Holy Communion from inside the altar rails. Communion should be received in the hand. The Priest will give Communion to people unable to approach the altar rails. This will be done after Mass.
5. Collections will be as exit collections at the doors.
6. Please maintain your distance on exiting the Church.

May the Lord bless us and keep us safe.

Whom Do We Welcome

In Britain, Premier League soccer matches are back behind closed doors with T.V. cameras taking us inside. The first highlight of each match is the symbolic one knee solidarity protest against the extremely harsh treatment of coloured people in the U.S.A. It has developed into a worldwide protest against a tapestry of injustices suffered by minority groups of people at the hands of their more privileged sisters and brothers.



Every time I see the one knee protest, it discomforts me. At the end of each day, it challenges me to free up to the reality of how I have treated others in my heart throughout the day. Whom have I welcomed or disrespected in my thinking, in my speaking, in my actions or inaction?



It is so easy to presume that our privileges are normal, **Shelter, Food, Health care, Safety, Freedom.** "*Comfort brings contentment*" is one of the great heresies of our time. To live in the belief that we are created only to be bemused by possessions is to lose sight of the greatness of our human calling. When asked of the overwhelming problems in our world, Mother Teresa smilingly replied that the loving care of even one person brought her such joy that there was no room for despair.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus encourages us with the promise that even a cup of cold water will not lose its reward. (Matt. 10: 42) Take heart.

Fr. Tom Clancy