

## **St Patrick's Church Newsletter**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **Change of Masses**

As you will be aware from this weekend we have reverted back to the same amount of Masses before the pandemic. This decision was not made lightly. Fr Sweeney implemented having six Sunday Masses, hoping it was a short term measure but sadly it looks like we are going to be in this situation for some while yet and by changing the amount of Masses, it gives me time to find my feet and devote the time required to the large amount of administration involved in running St Patrick's. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support in this matter.

Please note also that we currently have dispensation in place for our obligation to come to Sunday Mass.

On the back of the reduced amount of Masses, I have arranged for a live streaming system to be installed over the coming weeks. This will allow those who are unable to attend Mass in person, the opportunity to view our Masses via a livestream on the Internet. Further details to follow.

### **Eventbrite/Phone Bookings for Sunday Masses**

Sincere apologies for the issues with both the online booking service and the mobile phone bookings this week. We have everything up and running now thankfully.

There are 2 options available to allow those with access to the Internet, as well as those of us who prefer to use the phone. Please note that both methods are live from 12 noon on a Monday for the following weekends masses.

**Eventbrite Website** - you can use the link on the post on our Facebook page which will take you straight to our Eventbrite booking page or you can go straight to the Eventbrite website and search for St Patrick's Coatbridge. When you make your first booking on Eventbrite, I would suggest you then click the "Follow" button for St Patrick's as it makes future bookings easier. Please also note you do not have to have a Facebook account to gain access to St Patrick's Facebook page, it is visible to anyone via an internet search.

**Please turn over**

Places are available to book on a weekly basis. Some parishes do block bookings for several weeks in advance but I feel doing bookings weekly gives everyone a fair chance at booking their preferred mass time. We are currently working with Eventbrite to allow you to key in individual names of each person you are booking for in line with the current Covid Track and Trace requirements.

**Mobile number** for bookings is **07427 425218**

**Web site address:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-patricks-31344616103>

**\*\*If you have booked a place via Eventbrite or by phone and then no longer need your space, please ensure that you cancel to enable others to attend\*\***

**Parish Website** - this requires to be updated with current information so please bear with us whilst we work on this

### **Church Car Parks**

Can I ask that St Mary's Gate car park area be used for the Church house only, with the parking at the hall being used for all other parking. This is to ensure we have no further issues with access for funeral cars as well as others who may be visiting the parish and for access to the garage. Appropriate signage will be placed in these areas shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding, along with the warm welcome you have given myself and Deacon Tom since we arrived. I am truly blessed to be Parish Priest of such a wonderful community.

**Fr Kevin**

