

A notice read to the congregation at Mass on 30th January
on behalf of Father Kieran.

Following the lifting of Plan B measures on January 27th The Bishops' conference has issued more guidelines. The full text is long so I am giving you a summary today as it applies to us and in line with what Father Kieran has told us.

- From next Sunday Holy Communion will be distributed at the normal place in mass and mass will finish in the usual way with a final blessing and dismissal.
- Holy Communion will be distributed under one kind only for the time being.
- Father will continue to wear a visor and sanitise his hands before distributing communion.
- We are encouraged to continue to sanitise our hands and wear face masks as a kindness to others
- We will continue to offer a distanced sign of peace and avoid contact.
- We will also keep some element of social distancing in church and maintain a windows open policy.
- You will no longer need to sign in or use a track and trace form when arriving at Church.
- You will no longer need to exit through the sacristy but we will keep some element of social distancing for both communion and for leaving church. Stewards will advise you when to move.
- Parish social activities may resume provided there is the space for these types of gatherings.
- We will return, at some point we hope, to hymn singing and having mass leaflets provided. This may take a little time to organise.

Father Kieran is happy for us to proceed at our own pace doing what suits us at Holy Cross. We want to strike a good balance between encouraging numbers to return and allowing everyone to feel comfortable in the space.

Clearly if you test positive or have been in contact with someone with a positive Covid test you should still isolate, and not come to church!

Thank you!