

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Greetings one and all. Well, it looks as though the very earliest some of us will be allowed back into church for worship will be the beginning of July. Whilst that may seem a long way off, we will I'm sure, be sensitive to the careful return to public worship that is needed, if we are to preserve the wellbeing of all the members of our congregation. Initially, I expect, that the more vulnerable members of our family will be asked to continue isolating themselves until such time as we can be more confident that there is a low risk of spreading the C-19 virus at our services.

In then first instance of a return to church, however, there will still be many restrictions which may well follow the practice currently being undertaken in Europe. That is, provision for hand cleansing as we enter and leave the church building, social distancing of chairs, no service or hymn books and no singing! Quite restrictive but necessary, I think and at least a step, however small, towards something more akin to what we are used to.

When we are given the go-ahead to begin making plans for a return to gathering for worship, we will make sure that we comply with all necessary rules and that there has been a thorough clean with the appropriate materials. It will be slow and we will still miss those who are unable to join us initially but we shall continue to provide opportunities to worship in as many ways as we are able. One thing I am thinking about is to conduct Mass more often so that people may come in smaller numbers but with better chances for social distancing. We could, for instance have a Saturday evening Mass as well as Sunday morning. This is just early stage thinking at present but any ideas you may have will be warmly received and seriously considered.

Attached readings for Sunday, Newsletter to follow.

Tom

And finally...

A fish walks into a bar. The bartender says, what do you want?  
The fish croaks, "water".

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