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Sunday 19th July 2020 – 16th Sunday In Ordinary Time – Year A

Regular updates on what is happening in the parish due to the coronavirus are being emailed to those who are on the Parish Distribution List (these emails come from Admin St Ninians).

Because they are a group email some email providers block them or class them as spam so please check your junk folder if you have not received them.

If you wish to receive the updates you will need to be on the Parish Distribution List, and you can join by emailing:

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Reopening the Church for the Celebration of Mass

The Church reopens for Mass on **Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July.**

We will need to ensure everyone is safe and physical distancing will be maintained at all times.

We are also aware that some may prefer to continue to shield at home for health reasons.

We are asking everyone in the parish what they would like to do since we can seat 36 people in the Church and a further 21 in the Hall area. That is **57 people in total** and we usually have a Sunday attendance of 120.

Thus, there are fewer spaces available than is normal. Obviously, not everyone can attend at the same time and so we have **4 options for you to choose from.**

This is what attendance at Mass will be like for the foreseeable future:

- You will be asked to wear a mask at all times and sanitise your hands when you arrive.
- You will be allocated a seat by the Pass keepers.

The services will also be different from what you are used to:

- Mass will be shorter.
- There will be a shorter sermon.
- There will be no singing and no altar servers.
- Communion. The Sacred Host will be distributed at the end of the Mass so that you will be directed to leave your seat, receive Communion, and then be guided to leave the Church.
- There will be no teas and coffees after Sunday Masses.

The options available for you are:

- 1) Mass will be live streamed from the church and available online on YouTube as it is at present at 10.15am. Do you prefer to stay at home and watch the Mass online?
- 2) Do you wish to attend a Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 6.30pm?
- 3) Do you wish to attend a Sunday Mass as usual at 10.15am?
- 4) Do you wish to attend a Sunday Mass at noon on Sunday?

We will be contacting all parishioners in the next few days to ask you these questions. Depending on what information we receive, we will phone you back and let you know if your preference is confirmed. Please remember we can only accommodate a maximum of 57 people per Mass. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Parish Pastoral Council

One World Group

In these difficult times, the One World Group members continue to pray the Rosary (Joyous Mysteries) in their homes at 7.30 pm each Monday evening. Please join us. If you have any prayer intentions you would like us to pray for, please let us know. You can contact me as below in the 'newsletter' section.

Parish Pilgrimage: 11- 13 September 2020

It is still our hope that we can continue with our planned parish visit to Lindisfarne and Durham in September. We have managed to extend the booking before any deposits are required until the end of July and by that time we should know if it is feasible and safe to proceed with the visit. If so, the full amount of £275 pp (+£25 single sup) will be required to be paid by week beginning 3rd August. Clearly much will depend on government advice and the extent to which the coronavirus has been brought under control by the end of July. Here's hoping ... and praying!

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline

(24 hours): 0800 027 1234.

Safeguarding Contacts

<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding>

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National Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Tina Campbell 0141 332 7177

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Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fiona Tracey.

Newsletter

Any items by Wednesday midday please to Carol Mulvenna, work – 672 0134, home 672 1223, mobile 07762 924916, email cmulvenna@btinternet.com

If you know of anyone who would like the newsletter emailed to you each week, please let me know by emailing me as above.

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### **Gospel, Matthew 13:24-30 – Let them both grow till the harvest**

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, ‘Sir, where does the darnel come from?’ ‘Some enemy has done this’ he answered. And the servants said, ‘Do you want us to go and weed it out?’ But he said, ‘No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.’”

*The Gospel of the Lord*

### **Reflection – Overcoming Weakness**

*Adults:* What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

*Children:* When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?