



RESUMING PUBLIC MASS IN CLONARD

The Northern Ireland Executive has now authorized the opening of churches for liturgical celebrations, on condition that all appropriate safety measures are in place.

We want to assure you that it is our intention to open the church for the celebration of Mass in a way that is safe for all, in accordance with civil law and diocesan guidelines. However, we ask you to note the following:

- We will **not** be returning to in-church celebrations of Mass on 29th June. We will do so as soon as possible after that date, when we have all our safety arrangements in place.
- So our plan would be to begin celebrations of Mass in-church on a **small scale** at first. We will **not** be returning to the full schedule that operated before the pandemic until sometime in the future.
- That means we will continue, for the time being, to offer online celebrations of Mass.

We will publish full details of the opening date and the timetable of in-church and online Masses in the near future. Meantime, we ask for your patience. As I've said, what's most important is that, as far as possible, we ensure your safety and wellbeing. And ours also.

Peter Burns C.Ss.R. [Rector of Clonard]