

## Church Reopening for Private Prayer from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parishoners of St Joseph's,

We are pleased to inform you that government guidance will permit places of worship to re-open for individual prayer from next week. **Accordingly, from Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, St Joseph's will be open for private prayer from 10am to 12noon on each Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.**

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for individual worship. We are sure that you will welcome the opportunity to once again have access to St Joseph's to reflect and pray and to get connected with our faith.

As we welcome the faithful, it is still vitally important that we take seriously the risks involved and make all the necessary preparations to help us to open safely and without detriment to public health. So, there will be several measures in place to ensure that we fully comply with government guidance. These will include cleaning and hygiene, safe distancing, church capacity and entry and exit into the church. Volunteer stewards will be on hand to assist and ensure that the guidance is being followed.

This first step will enable us to learn and prepare for the further steps that will take us to a fuller use of our church, for the celebration of Mass and other sacraments, as the restrictions of lockdown are lifted.

We look forward, with great pleasure, to welcoming you again to St Joseph's.

Betty Pires and Roni Collins