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### WORKING PARTY ON RE-OPENING OUR CHURCHES Update: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

As you may already know, the First Minister today announced changes in the “Tier” status of our local authorities which will be effective from 6.00pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

- **East Renfrewshire** and **Renfrewshire** will move to **Tier 3**.
- **Inverclyde** will move to **Tier 2**.

At Tiers 2 & 3 we are permitted:

- 50 participants for Sunday and Weekday Mass, subject to social distancing;
- 20 participants for Funerals;
- 50 participants for Baptisms  
(although it remains the recommendation of our Working Party that we restrict attendance at Baptisms to 20 as well);
- 20 participants for Weddings.

I attach a summary of the more general measures for Tiers 2 & 3 issued by the Scottish Government.

Rev. Gerard Gallagher,  
Chair and Infection Control Measures

## Tier 3 – East Renfrewshire & Renfrewshire

- Sunday & Weekday Mass permitted with a maximum of 50 people
- Weddings permitted with a maximum of 20 people
- Funerals and wakes permitted with a maximum of 20 people
- Baptisms permitted with a maximum of 50 people (although it remains the recommendation of our Working Party that we restrict attendance at Baptisms to 20 as well).

- At all these Liturgies, the numbers permitted are subject to the possibility of social distancing and the availability of personnel for pass-keeping and sanitising.

- Essential travel only to/from level 3 or 4 areas in Scotland, and to/from rest of UK.
  - Avoid car sharing with people not in your household.
- No in-home socialising
- Groups of 6 people from 2 households can meet outdoor or in public places
- Hospitality: No alcohol, 17.00 last entry, 18.00 closed
- Hotels open, guidance encourages non-essential use by locals only
- Essential use of public transport only;
- Shops open
- Hairdresser, barbers and beauticians including mobile services open but subject to protective measures, mobile services not permitted
- Public buildings open
- Events venues and sport stadia closed to spectators
- Formal and informal childcare permitted
- Schools open with enhanced and protective measures
- Colleges and Universities restricted blended learning
- Driving lessons permitted
- Individual indoor exercise allowed, all except adult contact sports permitted outdoors (professional sports permitted)
- Leisure and entertainment closed;
  - outdoor visitor attractions open depending on circumstances
- Public services: essential face-to-face only, and online where possible
- Essential office work only, work from home if possible
- Work from home remains default for workplaces

## Tier 2 – Inverclyde

- Sunday and weekday Mass permitted with a maximum of 50 people, subject to social distancing
- Weddings permitted with a maximum of 20 people
- Funerals and wakes permitted with a maximum of 20 people
- Baptisms permitted with a maximum of 50 people (although it remains the recommendation of our Working Party that we restrict attendance at Baptisms to 20 as well).
  - At all these Liturgies, the numbers permitted are subject to the possibility of social distancing and the availability of personnel for pass-keeping and sanitising.
- Essential travel only to/from level 3 or 4 areas in Scotland, and to/from rest of UK.
  - Avoid car sharing with people not in your household
- No in-home socialising
- Groups of six people from two households can meet outdoor or in public places
- Hospitality permitted; alcohol only with main meal, 19.00 last entry, 20.00 closed
- Hotels open with hospitality rules and social distancing rules to be followed
- Shops open
- Hairdresser, barbers and beauticians allowed; mobile services not permitted
- Public buildings open
- Events other than drive-in events not permitted; stadia closed to spectators
- Formal and informal childcare permitted
- Schools open with standard protective measures
- Colleges and Universities blended learning
- Driving lessons permitted
- All sport and exercise permitted except adult indoor contact sports
- Cinemas and arcades open;
  - soft play, funfairs, bowling, theatres, snooker halls, bingo halls, nightclubs closed
- Visitor attractions open
- Public services open but reduced face-to-face services
- Essential office work only, work from home if possible
- Work from home remains default for workplaces