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Dear Parishioner,

I wish you and your family a grace filled and happy year in these difficult times. I pray you keep well and stay safe.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CHURCH USE

This New Year hasn't started well. Unfortunately, new restrictions imposed on all of us will have a major impact and change our lives in more ways than one, yet again. The new measures announced in Parliament yesterday came into effect at one-minute past midnight today.

For us as Church, additional changes will come into effect on Friday, one minute after midnight, meaning that the last public Mass will be celebrated in St Cadoc's on Thursday (7th January) at 6.30pm. This will be a sad day for all of us. However, if these measures, and all others now in place help to save lives and protect the NHS then, we have a moral obligation to comply and to work together with the Government to ensure the best outcome in the fight against COVID-19 and its variants. THANKS BE TO GOD we have a number of vaccines now available and being administered with haste to the most vulnerable and essential workers; in time, we will all be vaccinated and hopefully return to our chosen way of life, free of fear from COVID-19.

Here is a summary of the new measures as they most immediately affect us as Church:

- **Churches are closed** from Friday 8th January 2021 until 1st February for all purposes except broadcasting a service, or conducting a funeral or wedding.
- **Wedding ceremonies** can take place with only one Celebrant, the bridal couple and the 2 witnesses. An interpreter may also be present, if required. Face coverings must be worn by the witnesses and interpreter. The couple and the Celebrant do not need to wear masks.
- **Funerals can take place** with a maximum of 20 people, with full compliance of all regulations of the Scottish Government and the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.
- **Baptisms may not be celebrated**, except if the baby's life is in danger. Please note that in the danger of death, anyone may baptise using water and the sacramental formula, "I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

During this time, I will be streaming Mass each morning at 10 am, except for a Monday and a Thursday which will be streamed at 6.30pm, as shown in the table that follows. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be available after the morning Mass (At 3pm on a Monday and a Thursday) and will be concluded with a short prayer service at 1pm (And before the evening Masses). I invite you to pray in the quiet of your own home with your family before the Blessed Sacrament and to celebrate with me the Mass whenever you possibly can throughout this month of January.

I pray you will remain hopeful and upbeat, knowing that the end is in sight – Hang on in there!

God bless you and all those whom you love.

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Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Live Streamed
Friday 8th January – Sunday 31st January 2021

(On the day of a Funeral Mass/Service there will be no live streaming of Adoration. If the family specifically request it, Mass will be live.)

DATE	MASS	<p style="text-align: center;">ADORATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>After the morning Mass at 10am and before the evening Mass at 6.30pm.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Concluding with a short prayer service at 1pm, or, prior to the evening Mass.</i></p>	THEME
Friday 8 th	10am.		COVID-19 Deceased
Saturday 9 th	10am.		Marian Devotion
Sunday 10 th	10am.		Baptism of the Lord (Feast)
Monday 11th	6.30pm.		NHS Staff
Tuesday 12 th	10am.		Carers
Wednesday 13 th	10am.		St Kentigern (Feast)
Thursday 14th	6.30pm.		Essential Workers
Friday 15 th	10am.		Teachers & Support Staff
Saturday 16 th	10am.		Marian Devotion
Sunday 17 th	10am.		2nd Sunday of Year B Discipleship
Monday 18th	6.30pm.		Christian Unity
Tuesday 19 th	10am.		Families
Wednesday 20 th	10am.		Politicians
Thursday 21st	6.30pm.		St Agnes - Memorial
Friday 22 nd	10am.		Volunteers
Saturday 23 rd	10am.		Marian Devotion
Sunday 24 th	10am.		3rd Sunday of Year B Sunday of The Word of God
Monday 25th	6.30pm.		Conversion of St Paul
Tuesday 26 th	10am.		Sts Timothy & Titus
Wednesday 27 th	10am.		Community
Thursday 28th	6.30pm.		St Thomas Aquinas
Friday 29 th	10am.		Mission
Saturday 30 th	10am.		Marian Devotion
Sunday 31 st	10am.		4th Sunday of Year B