



## **St. James the Less Catholic Church**

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS**

**Dear All,**

**It is very much with a heavy heart that I write the following notice:**

**I have been instructed by both the government and the Bishop to cease the celebration of Holy Mass with a congregation from one minute past Midnight TONIGHT, 4<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.**

**In spite of the many representations from ourselves and other people of faith, the government have decided, for the good of the whole community, that places of worship should be closed and that there should be no celebrations of Mass or other Sacraments with people present. The one exception is Funeral Services at which 30 people are allowed to be present.**

**So, from tomorrow (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November) Holy Mass will be celebrated by me alone in church and will be put on the Parish Facebook Page by 12.00 noon every day. The church will be open for private prayer from 12.00 noon until 1.00 p.m. each day if anyone would like to come along for private prayer.**

**Please remember that Jesus is still present for us, both in church and wherever we are, to listen to our prayers and petitions. May He keep us all safe and well in the month ahead.**

**Let us continue to pray for each other, especially for the sick and housebound, and to do what we can to support one another in this second lockdown.**

**With the promise of prayers and God's Blessing.**

**Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ,**

***Father Tony McBride (Parish Priest)***