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Dear sisters and brothers,

Exciting news from Catholic Quinton!! **EVERY DAY IS A SUNDAY!!** We are returning for Mass from next Saturday 4 July at Our Lady of Fatima, Quinton. There are strict rules and regulations. Please read the following. They must be complied with.

Every day is a Sunday:

From Saturday 4th July we will be able to celebrate public Mass once more. After such a long break, we know that people will want to return to Mass, but please, please be careful, be confident and you must follow the rules. Mass will not be the same as before. Be prepared for a difference.

First of all, **please note that at present it is not obligatory to attend Mass on Sunday.** We are encouraged by the Church to stagger our attendance at Mass to include weekdays to avoid over-capacity on Sunday.

The Masses will be at the regular times of **6.00pm (Saturday) and 9.00am & 11.00am on Sunday.** Some people may prefer to attend on a weekday morning: **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10am and Friday at 6.30pm.** *No Mass on Wednesday. No Holy Hour.*

We are dependent however on volunteers to steward Mass; even they not present we cannot have Mass. Please consider if you can help as a steward to welcome people, assist with managing procession for Holy Communion, to help people leave and clean the Church after each Mass.

ESSENTIAL RULES TO FOLLOW AND COMPLY WITH

The existing arrangements in place for individual private prayer will remain; access for all via front door, use of hand gel on arrival, candles lit by yourselves, one-way system and exit via the fire door (near to the statue of the Sacred Heart on your right) towards the Car Park.

Based on social distancing guidelines, the maximum safe operating capacity of the church is 40 people. Therefore, I have decided that people who wish come for Mass must (BOOK) email or telephone the Parish in advance. DO NOT just turn up! When the church reaches its capacity, no further entry is allowed.

The Archdiocese has decided that it will permit social distancing of 1 metre plus in our Churches ***SUBJECT TO COMPULSARY WEARING OF FACE COVERING.*** If you arrive for Mass and you do not have a face covering you will not be allowed entrance (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The celebrant will be obliged to stop mass if this obligation is ignored.

Stewards will direct people to their seats - people cannot just choose where to sit.

We will provide seating family groups. Elsewhere in the Church there will be places for couples and individuals. Only occupy the family accommodation if you are from the same household or in a pre-



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arranged bubble.

Children are welcome but there will be no children's liturgy, no reading resources and it will be essential that parents can ensure that they satisfy the special distance requirements.

DETAILS OF THE MASS

Mass will be shorter than a normal Sunday Mass. There will be no singing, no bidding prayers, a shorter homily and no offertory procession.

We will provide a separate Lectern for the reader.

After the "Lord I am not worthy to receive you..." the celebrant will raise the host and say, "The Body of Christ" to which the response will be "Amen" and the Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only in SILENCE.

The celebrant will not wear a face covering until it is time for the distribution of Holy Communion, but they will at that point.

Stewards will guide people forward for Holy Communion or a blessing. As one approaches remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, may move across, consume, re-apply face covering and return to place.

OTHER POINTS TO NOTE

- As there is no offertory, there will be collection at the entrance and exit.
- Toilets will remain closed.
- Confessions: If you wish to make your confession, you will need to make an appointment to see me Fr Long in the church. You do this by contacting the office.
- The Church will be cleaned after every Mass.

I look forward to the celebration of communal Mass again. Please be co-operative and understanding.

God bless you

Fr Long Nguyen