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Welcome back

Dear parishioners and friends,

Parish Funds: As I wrote in the June edition of the Church Review, our income has been depleted, not only by the tours being cancelled, but also from the regular Sunday collections and envelope scheme. **NOW WE ARE BACK** to community worship and I again ask that parishioners and friends might consider setting up a Standing Order to assist our parish with our financial commitments. If you are willing to do this, please contact Patricia Parfrey in the Parish Office and she will advise you of our bank details. The end of year accounts for 2019 were and are very worrying with a substantial loss, mainly due to the closure of the tours due to the break in and theft in February 2019. This year's accounts will be far worse, and the Select Vestry will have to take stringent action to ensure we can adhere to our banking restrictions. Please do whatever you can to help.

You Tube and Facebook. Yes, we are back worshipping together and while this is wonderful news for many parishioners, there are still some who feel unsure and worried about gathering in groups (even though self-distancing is in operation in the churches). This is perfectly understandable, and no parishioner should feel obliged or under pressure to attend worship if they feel this way. To cater for such people, it is hoped that we will continue with online services every few weeks and we plan to invite individual parishioners to participate in these broadcasts. Information on these services will be notified to everyone at the appropriate time.

St Werburgh's Church: The work on the east side of the church has almost been completed and this will ensure that the church is secure and kept dry from the outside in. WE are grateful to Dublin City Council, who once again, have offered a grant of €35,000 to fund essential repairs on the internal structure. Work on the church has been slow and arduous, however, it is expected that the management of the church building and continued worship will be taken over by the cathedral in the near future.

Live RTE broadcast: The group of parishes will broadcast a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 6th September from the studios at RTE. It was hoped that we could bring around 25 – 30 people to this service but have recently been advised by RTE that this number is very much reduced, and we are awaiting further details. On that Sunday, there will be no services in the parish and parishioners are encouraged to watch the service on RTE 1 television.

Lay Readership course: The dioceses is planning to hold a morning session for suitable people to undertake Lay Ministry either in a parish or diocesan setting. This is due to be held in September and may be arranged via Zoom if current government restrictions remain as they are at present. If any parishioner is interested in such ministry, please contact the archdeacon at archdeacon@dublin.anglican.org. This course will be run between CITI and Trinity College Dublin.

Fund Raising: Muriel O'Brien has kindly agreed to undertake a small fund raiser for the parish during the summer. This will involve 1000 abslides. We hope you will support Muriel in this worthwhile effort especially this year when Parish Funds have been depleted due to the closure of our churches and tours in St Michan's. Many of you will know that Muriel underwent a serious operation on her back some years ago and her spine is fused, so undertaking this sponsored abslide challenge is quite a feat for her and we wish her well in this challenge. Details of how to sponsor Muriel can be found on the parish website or on Facebook.

David



I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. This summer, staycations are the new vacations! Exotic travel may not be a feature of this year's summer holidays, but I hope you all enjoy some quality time to relax, after a stressful start to the year. I was clearing space on my phone recently and I came across messages that were sent to me at New Year, wishing me a memorable 2020...my New Year's resolutions may not have lasted but it is certainly a year we'll all remember!

This newsletter began as an emergency response to the lockdown and the closure of our churches. It has not replaced the Parishioner, our regular parish magazine. Alongside our Facebook and YouTube page, it was a way of keeping our community of faith together and reaching out to each other. Thankfully, since the 5th July, we have been able to return to worship in our beautiful churches. We have celebrated communion in both St. Michan's and in All Saints church, adhering to diocesan and HSE protocols, to keep our churches a safe space to worship together. However, there are some who may not feel safe returning to church or who cannot return to church. Therefore, this newsletter will continue to be published each month and we will also record more services for our YouTube channel.

Take care and have a wonderful summer.

God bless,

Ross

My holiday plan for 2020:

Expectation



Reality





Prayers that we can say together at home:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and love,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen.

