

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS UPDATE

As there are now confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in the diocese, Bishop Mark has updated the guidance for our parishes. Therefore, the following precautions will now be implemented:

- Holy Water Fonts and Stoops will be emptied. (Parishioners will not be able to bless themselves with Holy water when entering or leaving the Church).
- The sign of peace will be omitted in order to avoid physical contact. Please also refrain from holding hands at the Lord's Prayer if you do so.
- At Communion only the host will be distributed to parishioners. Only the priest will receive from the chalice. Therefore Eucharistic ministers who distribute the chalice will not be required.

Those who normally receive Communion on the tongue are asked, given the circumstances, to give every consideration receiving Communion reverently on the hand, for the time being.

Parishioners are also reminded that those who are sick or who are experiencing the symptoms of sickness are not obliged to attend Mass according to the Catechism of the Church and out of charity ought not to attend.

There are just precautionary measures and at present we should not be overly alarmed. However, your cooperation and understanding would be much appreciated.

Father Peter