‘Care for one another during the Coronavirus pandemic’

- **Further advice of the Irish Bishops in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus**

- **All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings**, such as formation gatherings, retreats and seminars are cancelled.

- All **Confirmations are postponed** until further notice.

- **Every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian burial**. Attendance at Funeral services should be limited to close relatives and must not exceed 100 attendees within the church building.

- Similarly, **Church weddings and baptisms** may be celebrated on condition that the attendance in church does not exceed 100 people.

- In these difficult and uncertain times, people find strength, consolation and hope in prayer. Churches should remain open for prayer each day.

- In the current emergency situation, all are **dispensed from the obligation** to physically attend Sunday Mass. Please listen to Mass on Midwest Radio or Castlebar Webcam—castlebarparish.ie/web-cam.

- This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families - to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those at the frontlines – especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy – that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

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