

Announcement at Mass on Christmas Day

This is not the kind of announcement anyone wishes to hear, nor do we wish to make it either ... but we have no alternative at this point.

Covid is still very much with us and affecting so many families, communities and parishes. It has led, as you know, to much reduced services all around us.

And it has affected us here too in the Claddagh community of Dominicans. One of us has tested positive, and regrettably he needs to be in isolation as he heals, and the rest of us need to take steps that will enable safety and health among you, our faithful congregation, and among ourselves as a community of preachers who wish to serve you constantly.

Following the guidance offered and insisted on by the HSE, and also of course by our public health nurse, as well as by Fr Provincial of the Irish Dominicans, we have for the moment no choice but to keep the attendance at our Masses limited to webcam worshippers and cannot for the moment permit our church to be open to you, our faithful congregation, as much as we would all like to celebrate Christmas together at prayer. Mind you, and you will be grateful for this, the churchy remains open for the rest of the day... and you will be so welcome to come and have that special prayer at the Crib!

You may well be aware that Munster's rugby match is off. And Liverpool's game against Leeds United on Sunday 26 is also off. All such measures are regrettable, but are the only way to keep you and all your family and friends safe and healthy.

We thank you for the constant and much appreciated support you give us all year, and we are thankful for the kind words many of you have shared, on the phone or by email.

We will keep you informed of course of good news when that is possible, but for the moment we can only speak to webcam as we wish you a Blessed and peaceful Christmas time.