

COVID 19 Policy Statement

The churches of the Ballisodare Group of Parishes are committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our volunteers and parishioners. To ensure that, we have developed the following COVID-19 Response Plan. All are responsible for the implementation of this plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread of the virus.

We will:

- continue to monitor our COVID-19 response and amend this plan in consultation with our volunteers and parishioners.
- provide up to date information to our volunteers and parishioners on the Public Health advice issued by the relevant authorities.
- display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19
- inform all volunteers and parishioners of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements.
- adapt the worship space to facilitate physical distancing.
- keep a log of contact / group work to help with contact tracing.
- have all key volunteers attend an induction / familiarisation / briefing.
- develop a procedure to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 while at work or in the workplace.
- provide instructions for volunteers and parishioners to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during work
- intensify cleaning in line with government advice as required.

All parishioners will be consulted on an ongoing basis and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions.

Approved by the Select Vestries of Holy Trinity Church, Ballisodare, St Paul's Church, Collooney and Emlaghfad Church, Ballymote

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