



diocese  
of limerick  
our catholic community

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## **Guidelines for Parishes on Level III of the National Framework for Living with COVID-19**

The Government has advised that all parts of the country, at midnight on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, will move to Level Three of the Government's Framework for Restrictive Measures for a period of three weeks. This document provides a summary of how this will impact on parishes and public celebration of the Mass and Sacraments.

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### **Religious services**

Services move online. Places of worship remain open for private prayer.

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### **Funerals**

Up to 25 mourners can attend.

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### **Weddings**

Weddings may proceed, but with a limit of 25 guests for ceremony and reception (irrespective of venue). It will not be possible to attend a wedding in another county.

Couples resident in a particular county, but with existing plans to get married, can travel to get married outside that county.

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### **Baptisms**

Baptisms are deferred for the duration of the Level 3 restrictions.

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### **First Communions & Confirmations**

First Communions and Confirmations have already been celebrated in the Diocese. If there are any outstanding these are to be deferred for the duration of the Level 3 restrictions.

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### **Organised indoor gatherings**

These are controlled environments with a named event organiser, owner, or manager. No organised indoor gatherings should take place.

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### **Organised outdoor gatherings**

These are controlled environments with a named event organiser, owner, or manager. Gatherings of up to 15 people can take place.