

Weddings & Funeral Masses in Loughshore Parishes under Covid 19 Regulations  
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Following the 15 February 2022 announcement of the significant easing of Covid-19 regulations, the Diocese has issued updated guidance recommending a graduated and cautious approach to the removal of Covid restrictions

In relation to Weddings and Funerals in the Loughshore Parishes the following will apply:

- The number of people attending a wedding or funeral will be limited by the seating capacity of the church. No standing in the Aisles or other areas of the church will be permitted. When all the available seating is full no one else will be admitted.
- The wearing of face masks will continue to be required except for those with a medical exemption.
- Limited social distance seating will be available for vulnerable attendees.
- Please stay in your seat at Holy Communion until you are directed by the steward to leave your pew. A one-way system will operate for receipt of Holy Communion.
- Hand sanitisers are available. Please use these
  1. when you enter the church
  2. just before receiving Holy Communion
  3. as you leave the church
- Please consider whether physical contact, including handshaking and hugging is appropriate and safe.
- Attendees are requested not to linger inside the church after the ceremony or to obstruct the porch areas.

<b>Church</b>	<b>No of Available Pews</b>	<b>Seating Capacity</b>
Star of the Sea Whitehouse	35	140
St Mary's Greencastle	26	100
St James' Whiteabbey	16	75
St Colman's Greenisland	16	60

Note: These numbers may differ from those for Weekdays and Weekend masses due to different practical arrangement required for a funeral in some of the churches