

Monday 25th January 2021

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parishioner,

St. Columba's will remain closed for public worship until Friday 5th March due to the lockdown extension with the exception of Funerals and Weddings which are permitted.

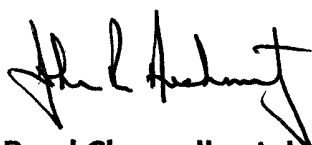
We have all heard the distressing news reports of the very acute situation in our hospitals. It is so important that we all carefully follow the Guidelines throughout these weeks. These are difficult times for us all and by doing what is asked of us we can make an important contribution to assist those who are so very ill with Covid-19.

I am also very conscious of the many people including members of our parish who are unable to receive the medical treatment that they require due to the pandemic. We have an important opportunity in both our daily devotions and our weekly streamed services to pray for all those who are ill and those who care for them.

Each January as is our custom the Annual Statements of Financial Giving are posted to each home in the parish. They were all posted this morning together with a copy of the February *Columban* which contains many supportive articles and prayers for use in your home.

Thank you for your great support for the work of St. Columba's which is kindly being expressed in so many different ways while our church doors remain closed.

Yours in His service,



**The Revd Chancellor John R. Auchmuty
Rector**