



CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK, Ruma

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Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are all staying safe and keeping hope alive in the midst of the lockdown and social distancing. Keep doing so and extend it further by encouraging someone. Our hope is built on Christ and we believe that this will soon pass.

I also wish to inform you about certain decisions we are taking in reopening the church. We have completed the Diocesan guidelines of the first phase which include the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Matrimony and Funerals. We are currently doing the second phase which entails Eucharistic Adoration and private prayers.

By this weekend, we will start Mass on Saturday evenings at St. Patrick's Church, Ruma by 5 p.m. The Sunday Mass will be at St. Joseph's, Rocher by 8 a.m. First Holy Communion will take place by 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's. We already have a team of cleaners and ushers in both parishes who will ensure that we are safe. Do follow their guidelines when you come into the church. For those who wish to join us for Masses, a reservation is required, so you will need to call the parish office.

Also, come with your face masks and observe the social distancing guidelines. For those that cannot make it, the Mass will still be streamed live for you to participate. I will keep updating you as the situation changes. I look forward to seeing you and just know that you are always in my prayers. Do stay Blessed.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Sebastian Ukoh, CM  
Pastor