



Graduation Mass 2020-Deferred

16/07/2020

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students

As I am sure you are aware by now Taoiseach Micheal Martin yesterday announced the country will not move into the next phase of the easing of Covid-19 restrictions.

Mr Martin said he is concerned about the spread of the virus and said phase four of the roadmap for reopening the country will now be delayed.

Mr Martin said that central to the concerns are the rise in infections among younger people.

Speaking at a press conference after yesterday's Cabinet meeting, Taoiseach Micheal Martin said that the concern about the rise in coronavirus cases in recent weeks is **"very real"**.

Crowd sizes are to stay the same, as current restrictions state until at least August 10th. Which is a maximum of 50 people indoors and **the same applies for outside gatherings the limit will remain at 200.**

Taoiseach Micheal Martin explained that the government will devise penalties for those who do not comply with the new rules.

For this reason, we have no option but to defer the Graduation Mass at this time. The new scheduled date to move to phase 4 is August 10th. **We feel however that it is best at this time not reset a date until we have actually moved into phase 4 which will allow for outside gatherings of up to 500.** We realise that this delay in lifting restrictions and deferment of Graduation mass may be disappointing but we have to do what is right in the current situation. We will reschedule when we can be sure that it is safe to do so.

For now, enjoy your summer and take care

Kind regards

Michael O Sullivan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael O Sullivan'.