



## DECREE

In the name of God.

The Most Reverend Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.

Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan

**Whereas** in March 2020 the Bishop of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan dispensed with the obligation to Sunday Mass in light of the coronavirus pandemic for the safety of the faithful and the common good; and

**Whereas** public restrictions have now been lifted for public gatherings, including public worship;

**Therefore**, in gratitude for the decrease of the danger to public health caused by the coronavirus and for the good of souls, I hereby restore the Sunday obligation for Catholics starting on the Solemnity of Pentecost Saturday 5 June 2022, in accordance with Canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law.

**As has always been the case**, anyone with a “serious reason” or “grave cause” is excused from this obligation. Such reasons include:

- anyone who is sick, symptomatic or recently exposed to the coronavirus;
- anyone with serious health risk factors that require them to avoid public spaces;
- anyone who cares for someone who is sick;
- anyone who cannot attend Mass, through no fault of their own, because of frailty or old age.

May the trials of these two years lead us to a renewed faith in Christ’s real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, a renewal of Sunday as a family day of prayer and rest, and cultivate within our souls a desire that sees our obligation as the greatest privilege of our faith.

Given at Peace River on this first day of May 2022.

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