

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR ATTENDING MASS IN OUR CHURCH

The following instructions have been derived from the directive from the Office of the Bishop and will be in place to allow Public Mass to be celebrated in our Parishes. We thank you for your assistance in complying with these conditions and in turn keeping our community safe and free from the spread of the COVID-19 virus. A copy of this notice and the COVID Safety Plan is on each noticeboard, the Parish Facebook Page and Parish Website.

1. When you attend Mass, you agree that
 - a. You are well (not suffering from sore throat, temperature, or other cold-like symptoms) and
 - b. you are not required to self-isolate due to your travel history or having had a COVID-19 test and
 - c. That in the past 14 days you have not had any close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 and
 - d. That you do not have any reason to suspect that you have or may have COVID-19 and
 - e. You have not travelled from a designated 'hot spot' or area currently under stay-at-home restrictions.
2. To ensure effective contact tracing you need to provide your FULL NAME and PHONE NUMBER. The preferred method of check-in is to use the ServiceNSW App and scan the QR Code supplied at entry of the church. Then show the **green tick** page to the Welcomer. A manual registration sheet is available for those unable to check-in electronically. The registration sheets will be kept by the Parish Office in a secure file for 28 days and then destroyed.
3. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to allow time to be seated physically distanced 1.5m from those you don't live with.
4. Sanitize your hands as you enter the church.
5. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to the number of attendees permitted. Anyone arriving after the limit is reached will NOT be permitted entry.
6. Each attendee will collect their own Bulletin and take it from the church with them. Bulletins are NOT to be re-used.
7. Holy Water will not be provided in door stoups.
8. Collection baskets will be provided at the back of the church to place Collections in before Mass.
9. The Lectionary will ONLY be used by the Celebrant. Readers are to use their own copy of the readings of the day.
10. The altar will be prepared by the Celebrant ONLY.
11. DO NOT shake hands during the exchange of peace. Please nod or wave instead.
12. Distribution of communion remains high risk. Holy Communion from the chalice is restricted to the Presider.
13. Holy Communion will NOT to be given on the tongue.
14. Your mask may be removed to receive Holy Communion and must be placed back on immediately after.
15. Communion will be given in one species only.
16. Please form one line starting with those to the left of the Presider and maintain 1.5m distancing when queueing for Communion.
17. It is preferred that you DO NOT congregate before or after Mass in the church yard or within the church. Please maintain 1.5m physical distancing if congregating in the church yard after Mass.
18. Cleaning and sanitizing will be conducted after each Mass with cleaners wearing gloves and products provided.
19. Those visiting the church for private prayer are asked to sanitize their hands on entry and maintain physical distancing from others in the church.
20. Please DO NOT touch the religious objects and statues in the church when praying.
21. Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are not to take place either in church or in nursing homes.
22. The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass previously given to the lay members of the Diocese by the Bishop is WITHDRAWN.