Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Parish

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Our Vision

We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.

Ss Peter and Paul's is committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment within our parish. Visit our parish website or contact our parish office for our child-safe policy."

Would you like to speak with Fr Jerald

Would you like to get in touch with Fr Jerald for a chat or some spiritual guidance? Fr Jerald will always make himself available where he can. Please just get in touch with the parish office on 0473 873 479 or doncasterest@cam.org.au

Prayers of the Community :

Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently and **for those whose anniversaries occur at this time** Phillip Fong, Kumar and Quintas Fernando, Maurilio Fabris, Roger Flavell, Frank Mlholland, Mable Chen, Stella DeMaci, Anastasis Pellegrini, Ettilia Bongiorno, Maria Marchese, Frank Aikey, Frank Italiano, Mari Filippin, Bruno Mastel, James Mulholland, Giovanni Faccin, Frank Williams, Bobby Briggs. **For those who are sick:** Emily Patrikis, Madeline Gilmore, Dan McMahon, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny and Alice Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Mary Ritus, Salaka Hewamaduma, Priyanthi Perera, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks, Joyce Foo, Peter Wilkinson, Tai Thomas, Pat Carty, Khek Hong Tan, Choi Yeng Chew, Glorietta Ioannou, Marie Simpson, Ann Weerappah, Bronwyn Burke, Filomena Fusco, Carmenza Cruz, Alicia Nivia, Frank Prendergast, Joan O'Hanrahan, Mary Tancredi, Irma Ciccotelli, Jovina Ebell, Gina Giriacona, Dr Hong Nguyen, Cesare Iozzi , Ian Stuart, Sharon Rodrigo , Susan Higgins , Rose Paynting and Agnes Tan Tjie Nio.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th and 20th of September 2020

Year A

Parish Virtual Gathering & Presentation of Pastoral Plan & other parish updates

We thank the 40 families who attended our parish virtual gathering last Sunday. It was great to "see" and catch up with all of you. For those who were unable to attend the session, you can view a video of Fr Jerald's sharing, as well as the presentation of the parish pastoral plan and parish updates online at https://youtu.be/JiAL2oezBrM. We welcome any feedback you may have on the pastoral plan and parish updates, and you can forward them to cheryl.tay@cam.org.au. If you'd like to assist in any of the initiatives listed in the pastoral plan, please also reach out via email to cheryl.tay@cam.org.au.

Anointing Mass—

Wed 7th Oct at 11.00am on Zoom

We will be holding a special anointing mass to pray for those who are unwell. Please invite your family, relatives and friends who may appreciate attending this mass. If you have family members, relatives or friends that you'd like prayed for at the mass, please send in their names by Fri 2nd Oct via the following methods – call or text to the parish mobile on 0473 873 479 or email doncastereast@cam.org.au.

To attend the anointing mass on Wed 7th Oct, click on this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnI0Zz09.

"I will hear what the Lord has to say, a voice that speaks of peace." (Psalm 84)

Thank you to all those who participated in our zoom reflective session with Neal Murphy on the 17th and 18th of September. We would like to thank Neal for facilitating this session for us. We truly appreciate it. Thank You Neal.

Congratulations

The parish would like to congratulate Aileen Neubecker who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on the 24th of September. Aileen has been part of the parish for nearly 50 years and has been a long time member of the Morning Tea Ministry. The Morning Tea Ministry has been going for over 10 years and Aileen has been in it from the beginning.

A very Happy Birthday Aileen from Ss Peter and Paul's

We would also like to congratulate the Parents of Alida De Ingeniis— Pietro and Irma Ciccotelli who will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on the 21st of September.

Congratulations Pietro and Irma on your special Anniversary

Parish Spiritual Offerings

Unite in Prayer Every Tues at 8pm

Fr Jerald would like you to join us in prayer every Tuesday at 8.00pm, where together as a community we can bring forth our intentions for the resolution to this Covid pandemic and for the resumption of our public masses. The Lord said "Whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. " [Matt 18: 19]

You are welcome to pray in any of the following ways:

- Join with others in a 30min Zoom online prayer session by clicking on the

link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82880786051?pwd=c1ppOHRQSXJIWWpTZG55b0czd0JwUT09 or entering Meeting ID: 828 8078 6051 and Password: 3rAVW0 on your device.

- pray with family members or friend over the phone
- pray on your own

You can use the suggested prayer which is on our website and the link to this prayer will also be included in our Mailchimp mailout at the weekend.

Rosary every Friday Night at 8.00pm

Every Friday Night we will be holding a Rosary on Zoom at 8.00pm , This will continue every Friday for our own intentions and for the end to this Covid Pandemic and for all of our Brothers and Sisters who have been effected in some way. The Zoom link is below and we look forward to you joining us.

Friday Rosary Link Friday 8.00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnI0Zz09 Or Meeting ID: 259 756 4312 - Online passcode: 689922 on your Zoom App.

Refresh Your Understanding of the Holy Mass Tues 10.30 – 11.30am online over Zoom

We have begun our series of 9 online sessions to refresh and renew our understanding of the Holy Mass. These sessions began on 18th Aug and will end on 13th Oct. During each session, we watch and reflect on a short video on different parts of the mass by Jeff Cavins, and share our reflection thereafter. Click this link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85170721487?pwd=WXlGVGdrS2lZUXoyM0tINS9ZTlYyZz09 to join the session each week.

Summary of Parish Zoom Events

The following is a summary of the Zoom links for our daily mass and other events. Those without the Zoom software can now join in [with audio inputs only] by dialling 7018 2005 on your telephone, and then following the audio prompts to enter the relevant meeting ID and dial-in

Weekday Mass, Tues – Sat, 9am

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09

Meeting ID: 259 756 4312

Online passcode: 689922

Dial-in passcode: 689922

Unite in Prayer session, Tuesdays at 8.00pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82880786051?pwd=c1ppOHRQSXJIWWpTZG55b0czd0JwUT09

Meeting ID: 828 8078 6051

Online passcode: 3rAVW0

Dial-in passcode: 064570

Friday Night Rosary, Fridays, 8.00pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09

Meeting ID: 259 756 4312

Online passcode: 689922

Dial-in passcode: 689922

Parish Census

As part of our parish's ongoing efforts to maintain an up-to-date database to facilitate timely communications, and in light of the current restrictions, we invite you to fill in our online parish census form at https://www.sspp.org.au/parish-census/ if:

- You are new to the parish, or
- Have been attending our parish but not filled in a census in the last 2 year, or
- Some personal details have changes since last filling in your census form, or
- Are leaving the parish.

Thank you

Heart of Life—Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation

'Walking with Wisdom' Contemplative Sessions (via Zoom) – Thursdays, 10am-12.30pm (AEST) on 8, 15, 22 & 29 October 2020. We invite you to join us for a series of contemplative sessions with Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath, providing opportunities for Deep Listening: to oneself at this unique time in our lives; to Divine Wisdom in the Heart, and in the Hearts of Others; and to engage in a gentle, creative response. Join for one or all sessions. $85 for the Series or $25 per session. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/BLILH. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, tel 03 9890 1101, www.heartoflife.melbourne

Support of our Parish

During the COVID19 period where our congregation cannot celebrate Mass, we would ask you to assist if you are able, towards the financial support of the Parish by ensuring your pledged support or your regular weekly contribution is received. You are now able to go to our website, and on the home page is a link to CDF Pay. You will be able to make your weekly/monthly donation this way. Please however remember to put your envelope no. or full name down so that we can trace your donation.
Contact the Parish Office for further advice on how.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainly and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses , researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and for concern for the well being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us peace.

Jesus Christ, Heal us.

We proclaim a crucified Christ
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16 September 2020

To the People and Clergy of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear friends in Christ,

As we now welcome the beginnings of easing in COVID-19 Restrictions in Victoria, I would like to take this opportunity to write to you, the Clergy and people of our Archdiocese. It is great news that regional Victoria will, from tonight, move into the Third Step of the Roadmap to reopening, which includes our parishes located outside the metropolitan zone. However, we have a long way to go.

The deprivation in sacramental life has been a profound loss for our people. As well as all the other sufferings of the Pandemic, the sense of estrangement from the Eucharist has been a particular struggle for Catholics. The Mass is our primary means of gathering together in faith; it is the source and summit of our Christian life, and its life-giving nourishment and healing is dearly missed.

In the midst of this loss, I am grateful to our Priests and Deacons for continuing to serve the faithful, for sharing a sacramental ministry even under strict conditions, and for being alongside our people and their loved ones in times of death and grief. Thank you for your faithfulness.

All of us are anxious to open church doors, but I want to emphasise our need to be creative in the ways we do so, especially with the thousands of children who have been waiting for Sacraments of Initiation. Countless Catholic families are awaiting Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation for their children. Adults, too, have longed to be received into the life of the Church. We shall be exploring possibilities such as outdoor liturgies in parish and school settings to facilitate these crucial events of grace and welcome.

Throughout the pandemic, I have been advocating directly with the Government, reminding authorities continually of our respectful compliance with each stage of restrictions, and seeking a fair consideration in what is permitted. The Catholic community throughout the pandemic has

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been constructive and positive. We have, and continue to act in a mature way, caring for the safety and vulnerability of Victorians facing great risk. Thankfully the signs of driving down COVID numbers are looking good at this moment and Catholics join other people of faith in giving thanks for this outcome and working to ensure the steps ahead do not take us backward.

Now, it is essential that the Government does not treat faith communities as an afterthought to the opening up of other sectors. Our churches are locations for communities of care and essential service, and must be treated fairly and reasonably.

Practically speaking, I have been in discussion with the Premier to thank him for overturning the restriction on spiritual ministry to the sick and the dying, and have assured him that the Catholic Church is able to manage restrictions (including good hygiene, face coverings, social distancing and density requirements). If pubs and restaurants can open, then places of worship should be open under similar conditions and numbers.

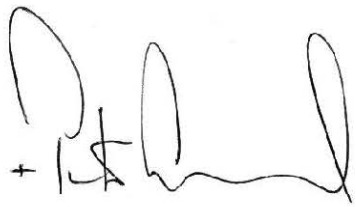
If case numbers track well, I expect we will see larger outdoor gatherings in regional Victoria become possible over the next few weeks, and proportionate opportunities for gathering in metropolitan Melbourne. I am hopeful that this may occur sometime in October, which would be a deeply welcomed improvement on the current Roadmap indications. If we can open our churches, even for outdoor gatherings, then we should open them.

The Deputy Premier and the Multicultural Affairs Minister are conducting discussions this month through the Multifaith Leaders Forum. The Archdiocese will be contributing to these meetings. In addition I will continue to engage with the Premier and Ministers directly on the Church's need for opening doors, carefully and safely.

Be assured of my ongoing closeness in prayer and concern. I have heard your cry, and I am working to bring your voice to the authorities. The Lord has promised he will be with us always; let us place our hope in Him.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,



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#16 UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Information Updated: Wednesday 16 September 5.00pm

The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the **latest directives announced by Government as part of the** proposed **Roadmaps for the reopening of the Metropolitan and Regional areas of Victoria**, the following will become operational **for Regional Victoria only, from 11:59pm on 16 September, 2020.**

REGIONAL VICTORIA
THIRD STEP

- **Curfew:** not in place.
- **Leave Home**: no restrictions on reasons to leave home or distance you can travel but stay safe. Travel allowed across all areas in the Third Step (except to areas with higher restrictions).
- **Public Gatherings:** up to 10 people outdoors.
- **Weddings:** allowed with up to 10 people (including the couple and the two witnesses). The celebrant is not included in this number.
- **Funerals:** allowed with up to 20 people (infants under 12 months of age or people required to conduct the funeral not included in the limit).
- **Worship:** outdoor religious gatherings for up to 10 people plus a faith leader; places of worship can open for private worship for households and people who are in a bubble together (up to five people).
- **Visitors to the Home:** create a 'household bubble' with one nominated household allowing up to 5 visitors from that household at a time (infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap).
- **Work:** Work from home if you can.
- **REVIEW:** DHHS Victorian Roadmap for Regional Victoria

Face coverings remain mandatory for people aged 12 and over when outdoors and in indoor public spaces. This remains in pace for ceremonies and livestreaming where applicable**.**
Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

THIRD STEP – Regional Victoria (inc. Mitchell Shire)

All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies.

As of 11.59pm Wednesday 16 September, 2020 until otherwise directed:

- **PLACES of WORSHIP:** Places of worship can open for private worship for households and people who are in a bubble together (up to five people).
- **OUTDOOR GATHERINGS**: of up to **10 people, plus 1(one) faith leader**, proximate to a place of worship, are allowed. Further clarification on this is being sought.
- **WEDDINGS:** will be limited **to 10 people**, including the couple and the two witnesses. The celebrant is not included in this number.
- **FUNERALS:** will be limited **to 20 mourners** plus the minimum number required to conduct the funeral. Children who are under one year of age are not counted in the 20 person limit. You can travel to attend a funeral.
- **BAPTISMS:** may be celebrated under the outdoor gathering limits, or worship for households or 'social bubble' direction. Note specific hygiene around use of oils and water. This allows for eleven people including the celebrant outdoors and five people including the celebrant indoors (a child under 12 months not included), meeting all hygiene and distancing precautions and recording names and contact details of all present.
- **LIVESTREAMING:** a limit 5 in total may be present, including the celebrant.
- **VISITATIONS:**

  Homes: Faith leaders may visit someone in their home on request to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to provide care and support to a person who is at the end of their life. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed, and that the travel to the person's home and the visit are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. only required attendees should visit and just for the service).

  Hospitals or Care Facilities:
  Faith leaders may visit someone in a hospital or care facility to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to those who are at the end of their life, or if it would support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing, in line with other visiting restrictions and if this support cannot be provided remotely. It is important to note that strict limits on visitors apply in these circumstances. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed and these visits are limited to what is reasonably and necessary (e.g. a visit has been requested by a patient). Such services can also be provided using video or live streaming, depending on religious tradition.
- **If you can work from home, you must do so.**

All requirements around hygiene and distancing must be met, along with the collection of contact details.
Further information around workplaces have been provided.

FIRST STEP– Metropolitan Melbourne

All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies.

As of 11.59pm Sunday 2 August, 2020 and until otherwise directed:

- All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services. are to be closed.
- **WEDDINGS:** No weddings are permitted unless an application is made to the DHHS for an exemption on compassionate grounds. If compassionate reasons permit a marriage ceremony to proceed, then only 5 people are allowed, comprising of the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant. People in Metropolitan Melbourne cannot travel to a wedding outside of metropolitan Melbourne.
- **FUNERALS:** will be limited to 10 mourners **(infants under 12 months of age not included in this number)**. You can travel to a funeral outside of metropolitan Melbourne. Restrictions apply based on the location of the funeral, and limits to numbers also apply. You should not attend a funeral if you are feeling unwell.
- **BAPTISMS:** are to be postponed, unless there is an and grave pastoral need. (Can. 857; 860).
- **LIVESTREAMING:** a limit of 5 in total may be present, including the celebrant.
- **VISITATIONS:**

  Homes: Under Stage 4 restrictions, faith leaders may visit someone in their home on request to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to provide care and support to a person who is at the end of their life. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed, and that the travel to the person's home and the visit are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. only required attendees should visit and just for the service).

  Hospitals or Care Facilities:
  Under Stage 4 restrictions, faith leaders may visit someone in a hospital or care facility to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to those who are at the end of their life, or if it would support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing, in line with other visiting restrictions and if this support cannot be provided remotely. It is important to note that strict limits on visitors apply in these circumstances. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed and these visits are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. a visit has been requested by a patient). Such services can also be provided using video or live streaming, depending on religious tradition.
- **CURFEW:** A Curfew is in place from 9pm until 5am each day. You may leave home for the purposes of essential work only.
- **If you can work from home, you must do so.**

All requirements around hygiene and distancing must be met, along with the collection of contact details.

Further information around workplaces will be provided.

GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES – Face coverings:

These Liturgical Guidelines are intended to assist Clergy and faithful in the reverent and joyful celebration of Holy Mass while maintaining the health and safety precautions offered through health and government authorities. It is by carefully observing the directives and precautions outlined in this document that the celebration of Mass, even with the limitations of restrictions now in place can take place prudently. We look forward to gathering together with all our people to safely celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice, but in the meantime we will follow these guidelines with diligence, using common sense and respect for others.

If there are difficulties maintaining any of the following directives, then Masses should be suspended.

FACEMASKS and SANITISING
Masses, Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms (Reg Vic.), and Live-Streaming.

- For Clergy: Masks should be worn as you enter for Mass. They may be removed during the celebration of Mass, but are to be placed back on for the distribution of Holy Communion and at the conclusion of Mass as you process out.
- All present in the worship space –including musicians, technicians for live streaming, and cleaners and musicians, MUST wear masks at all times as per the DHHS Guidelines.
- Sanitiser must be used regularly throughout the Liturgy and celebrants must visibly sanitise before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Communicants must sanitise their hands before receiving Holy Communion.
- Masks must be available. If anyone does not have one, or there is not one available, they cannot participate or enter the church.
- All hygiene and distancing regulations must continue to be met as per the general guidelines below

LITURGY OF THE WORD

- The reader may lower his/her mask for the readings. This applies as well for the Universal Prayer.
- This same direction is extended for a cantor (or singers where further number permit): when the cantor is singing, the mask may be lowered. It must be worn at all other times.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- The hosts to be consecrated for the faithful should be placed on a separate Paten (or Ciborium) to the Paten holding the host that the priest will consume.

HOLY COMMUNION

The following information is designed to allow for the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass in a safe manner for both ministers and communicants. All liturgical norms that govern the ordinary distribution of Holy Communion are observed in these norms, preserving the integrity of the

celebration and distribution of the Eucharist.

- All worshippers are to wear a face covering or mask throughout the celebration of Mass and the other Sacraments.
- Instructions on receiving Holy Communion should be given to communicants at the time of the Fraction Rite.
- A table with sanitiser should be made available for those receiving Holy Communion, who must sanitise before receiving.
- During the distribution of Communion, if the minister makes physical contact with the communicant, the minister will be required to sanitise his hand thoroughly. For such sanitisation to be possible, a table with hand sanitiser should also be placed in proximity to the minister distributing Communion.
- The Celebrant should direct congregants to receive Holy Communion in their hand by stretching out their arms with one hand flatly placed on top of the other, then taking steps to the side to place the host on the tongue.
- In order to minimise the possibility of contact with droplets between the communicant and minister, the most acceptable way to accommodate the dialogue that occurs between them might be the following:
  - The minister is to wear his mask throughout.
  - The communicant comes forward to a point 1.5m metres from the minister, removes one side of their mask, and sanitises their hands at a sanitation station provided nearby.
  - The communicant then enters into dialogue with the minister: "Body of Christ"; "Amen." from the 1.5 metre distance.
  - The communicant, stretching out their arms with one hand flatly placed on top of the other, receives the Blessed Sacrament then steps to the side to place the host on their tongue.
  - The communicant replaces their mask and returns to their seat.
  - If there is any contact with a communicant's hand or breath, the Minister must sanitise before distributing Holy Communion to the next communicant.

- For the health and safety of all involved, it is exhorted that Holy Communion should only be taken in the hand during this stage of pandemic restrictions, and Clergy should not encourage otherwise. If a communicant presents to receive on the tongue, they must wait until all others who are receiving in the hand have done so. A minister must immediately sanitise his hand every time a communicant receives Holy Communion on the tongue, and before proceeding.

PLEASE NOTE: It is advised that when live-streaming, reception of Holy Communion is done off-screen/video.

It is recommended that you keep informed through the Department of Health and Human Services website for daily updates.

Priests Daily Mass and obligations	• Daily Mass should be offered for all God's people, the faithful in Melbourne, and the wider community.

Places of Worship and Gatherings	• **Metropolitan Melbourne:** Places of religion and worship remain closed for both religious ceremonies and private worship, but those who are necessary to stream a service can attend for these purposes. This is limited to up to five people. • **Regional Victoria:** Outdoor religious gatherings for up to 10 people plus a faith leader are allowed. Places of worship can open for private worship for households and people who are in a bubble together (up to five people).
Baptisms	• **For Metropolitan Melbourne:** Baptisms are to be postponed, unless there is a grave pastoral need. (Can. 857; 860). In emergency situations priests and deacons must make themselves available for Baptism. In extreme circumstances any lay person can validly baptise using water and the Trinitarian formula. (Can 861 §2). • **For Regional Victoria:** Baptisms may be may be celebrated under the worship for households direction (a total of 5 including the celebrant with a child under 12 months not included in the number); or the outdoor gathering for 10 plus a celebrant. Note specific hygiene around use of oils and water. • Numbers dependent on indoor or outdoor celebrations (see above). • CONTACT DETAILS are required for all attendees– and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship; • Baptism by immersion or baptisms using already blessed water is to be avoided. Fresh water is to be used in every individual instance of baptism, and immediately drained afterwards. • Physical distancing and building capacity limits must be maintained at all times; • Hygiene precautions must be maintained throughout; • if indoors, doors must remain closed to prevent public access; • Following a Baptism indoors, the church must be cleaned in accordance with the guidance on routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in the community, available at: https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-about-routine-environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-in-the-community
Weddings	• **Metropolitan Melbourne:** Only for compassionate reasons and through application to DHHS. • **Regional Victoria:** Where weddings are permitted, **up to 10 people** may attend a wedding which includes the couple, the celebrant and two witnesses; • CONTACT DETAILS are required for all attendees– and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship;

	• Physical distancing and building capacity limits must be maintained at all times; • Hygiene precautions must be maintained throughout; • Doors must remain closed to prevent public access; • No lingering outside the church following the wedding; • Following a wedding, the church must be cleaned in accordance with the guidance on routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in the community, available at: https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-about-routine-environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-in-the-community
Funerals	• **Metropolitan Melbourne: Up to 10 mourners** may attend funeral in a place of worship as well as the minimum number of people required for the funeral, including the members of the funeral company. Children who are under one year of age are not counted in the 10 person limit; • **Regional Victoria: Up to 20 mourners** may attend funeral in a place of worship as well as the minimum number of people required for the funeral, including the members of the funeral company. Children who are under one year of age are not counted in the20 person limit; • CONTACT DETAILS are required for all attendees– and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship; • Physical distancing and building capacity limits must be maintained at all times; • Hygiene precautions must be maintained throughout; • Doors must remain closed to prevent public access. • No lingering outside the church following the funeral; • Following a funeral, the church must be cleaned in accordance with the guidance on routine environmental cleaning and disinfection in the community, available at: https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-about-routine-environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-in-the-community • It will not be possible to organise any refreshments in the Parish hall or centre after the funeral is concluded. • Permission is granted to hold the funeral Liturgy in a funeral parlour, if the family so wish. • Families may wish to arrange a larger Memorial Mass at a later date, and after the public emergency and relevant social restrictions have passed.
Penance	• Only the First Rite of Penance (individual confession and absolution) can be celebrated, because of the restrictions on numbers. This must be undertaken on a personal request basis

	and be undertaken meeting all hygiene and distancing requirements noting the utilization of a screen. • If there arises an urgent need to impart sacramental absolution to several people together out of grave necessity (eg. to a group of persons in a hospital setting who are dying from Coronavirus), then permission is to be sought from the Regional Vicar. The provisions of Can.961 and 962 are to be met and applied for validity.
Pastoral and Sacramental Visitation. **Communion to, and Anointing of, the Sick**	• It is important that the Sacrament of Anointing be available to those seriously ill and in danger of death, and may be given on request. **Homes:** Faith leaders may visit someone in their home on request to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to provide care and support to a person who is at the end of their life. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed, and that the travel to the person's home and the visit are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. only required attendees should visit and just for the service). **Hospitals or Care Facilities:** Faith leaders may visit someone in a hospital or care facility to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to those who are at the end of their life, or if it would support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing, in line with other visiting restrictions and if this support cannot be provided remotely. It is important to note that strict limits on visitors apply in these circumstances. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed and these visits are limited to what is reasonably and necessary (e.g. a visit has been requested by a patient). Such services can also be provided using video or live streaming, depending on religious tradition. • In general circumstances, if a Priest is requested to visit the home of a sick and dying person, he must take every precaution in relation to those who may be contagious. • Holy Communion is not to be given to anyone in their homes or care facilities, including the sick and homebound, except as Viaticum for the dying, which may be administered only by Priests and Deacons, and complying with all hygiene precautions and the protocols of the relevant hospitals or aged-care facilities (washing hands, etc.) as appropriate. • As previously communicated, when Anointing the Sick, priests are given permission to lay on hands by holding them above, rather than upon the head, so as to avoid physical contact. The anointing is to be carried out by dipping a cotton wool ball, cotton bud into the bottle of Oil (do not use an Oil Stock).

	• Protective gloves could also be used, which can be disposed of appropriately after a single use. Anointing the head would be sufficient. • If Viaticum is given, follow the guidelines below: - Follow instructions from the health or care facility regarding sanitising and PPE; Wash hands or use a hand sanitiser once you enter a home (if applicable); - Avoid any physical contact with the person or family during the visit; - Use a hand sanitiser again before distributing Communion; - If the communicant usually receives Communion on the tongue, strongly encourage him or her, for your safety as well as his / hers, to receive Communion in the hand; - Wash or sanitise your hands after the visit; - Maintain optimum physical distance with everyone in the room, except the patient; - Do not offer comfort through any physical contact. • It is encouraged that those Priests who are in a vulnerable age category or with health concerns contact a neighbouring Priest, or their Regional Vicar to discuss who might be available to support them. • Physical distancing to the extent possible, disinfecting hands before and after pastoral encounters, and other current measures must be applied at all times.
Ministering to COVID-19 Patients	• Health officials will be able to guide what is possible and permissible.