Update to the Archdiocese of Adelaide regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Firstly, my thoughts are with those of you who are the front line of our new regulations. I thought of you all with gratitude over the weekend as you cared for distressed and sometimes angry parishioners. Everyone is suffering, many are confused and fearful about what is happening, and I thank you deeply for your pastoral patience and care.

Please note that this note is simply an attempt to respond quickly to immediate concerns that have been raised.

If you have not yet seen Bishop O’Kelly’s YouTube then I commend it to you.

It can be viewed on the home page of the Adelaide Archdiocese website www.adelaide.catholic.org.au or via the Archdiocese Facebook page. FOR PIRIE, please put www.pp.catholic.org.au

We have sought clarification regarding the new directions made by Prime Minister Scott Morrison. Following consultation with the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission, I now confirm that with immediate effect:

- All churches must now be closed, even to private prayer. All public Masses and communal devotions inside churches and outdoors are suspended in the Archdiocese.

- All except priests are dispensed from the obligation of Sunday Mass. A variety of ways the faithful are encouraged to keep the Sunday holy include: prayer at home; reading the Scriptures of the day; praying for the graces they would normally receive in Holy Communion; prayerfully joining Mass online or by television. (We will publish details for access shortly.)

- Priests are asked to celebrate Mass for and on behalf of their people and their needs, and for the needs of all those affected by Coronavirus. Mass and Divine Office for the Sick, for Any Need, and Votive masses of Our Lady of Lourdes may be prayed.

- Funerals: are only permitted in the presence of up to 10 people. Hygiene and social distancing regulations are to be rigorously observed. All surfaces must be disinfected after use and two arm’s length distance must be maintained between all present. Please continue work with Funeral Directors to ensure this. Non-compliance can result in legal sanctions.

- Baptisms: are not permitted for the time being. In cases of danger of death or urgent pastoral necessity a baptism may be celebrated with no more than the parents and two godparents present with the minister, ensuring that all hygiene and social distancing regulations are observed as outlined above.

- Weddings: are only permitted in the presence of the bride, groom and two witnesses with the minister. Hygiene and social distancing regulations are to be rigorously observed. All surfaces must be disinfected after use and two arm’s length distance must be maintained between all present. For this time permission is granted to celebrate in the surrounds of a church (i.e. outside a sacred place). The limits of five people present must still be rigorously observed

- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Assemblies for the second or third form of the Rite are prohibited. Priests may and should respond to individual requests for individual for the sacrament, so long as hygiene and distancing regulations are observed, but may not advertise or open the church for Reconciliation.

- Sacraments of Initiation: are to be deferred except in individual cases of danger of death or urgent pastoral necessity, in which case only the catechumen/candidate and sponsor may be present with the minister.

- Viaticum: Clergy should make themselves available for pastoral care of those who are dying, observing all the regulations for hygiene and distancing so far as possible, along with the protocols established by care homes, prisons, hospitals and other institutions. Clergy who are at higher risk are advised to invite priests at less risk to administer Viaticum or the Sacrament of Anointing. Imposition of hands can be conferred by holding hands over rather than on the head, and anointing by the medium of a cotton ball or bud, or protective glove. Anointing of the head will be sufficient.

- Availability: Clergy must make sure that their parishioners can contact them in emergencies.

- Gatherings for preparation for first Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist are not permitted and need to be deferred for the time being.

- Please encourage neighbours, parishioners and friends to support each other through prayer, regular phone calls, cooking and shopping for the housebound and isolated, and every means of spiritual and social connection possible.

- Clergy are invited to employ time now freed from normal pastoral duties to keep in touch with their congregations over the next months by phone calls or other social media.

- Regular visitors to the sick are encouraged to use their regular time of visit to phone, FaceTime, Skype etc.

I am profoundly aware of the disappointment and sorrow some will experience as a result of these directions. You and your people are deeply in my thoughts and prayers.

With fraternal regards,

Fr. Philip Marshall– Administrator Delegate
Worship

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die forever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!


Universal Prayer Response: Lord, have mercy.

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die forever, says the Lord.

Next week: Palm Sunday.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27.

Liturgies and Activities (Mar 30th to Apr 5th)

Thu St. Francis of Paola
Fri St. Isidore
Sun Palm Sunday

Youth Ministry Resource Online

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults is compiling resources for youth and young adult ministry in these extraordinary times. To view these resources visit http://www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/resources1

Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults March Newsletter

Read COYYA’s latest newsletter by copy/click on this link: https://mailchi.mp/9d6f730b1b95/coyya-newsletter-mar2020-4904605.

Threshold: Justice Palm Sunday Vigil Cancelled

Due to current restrictions, Threshold: Justice, the Palm Sunday Vigil youth event, has been cancelled. Please contact Peter Bierer for more information on E: peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au or P: 8301 6866.
Prayer Requests

**Deceased Anniversaries:**

**Cathedral:** Domingo Salazar, Michael Paul and Detlef Patterson.

**John Vianney/St. Peter Claver:** Betty White, Damian Andrews, Gavin & Dulcie McIver, Les Squire, Davies family, McKenna family, Emma McClure, Lindsay Durham, Bale Gannilau, Leoni & Lima, Senior Tuisowaqa, Ian Furler, Peggy & Nancy Flannery and Marcia Brown.

**St. Marys:** Charlie Misfud and Anne Miller.

**Sick:**


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**Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Communion**

All Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Communion at the Adelaide Cathedral Parish stand postponed for now. Please contact the Jennifer Sherlock or the Parish office on 82328688 from Monday-Friday 9.30am-4.30pm for any queries or clarifications. Thank You.

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**Project Compassion Family Lenten Campaign**

23rd February 2020

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “Go Further Together”.

As Teresa of Calcutta said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love.”

You will be helping empower our world’s most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we Go Further Together in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes available in the church, or by visiting the website [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or via phone: 1 800 024 413.

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Adelaide Cathedral Parish  
Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A  
29th March 2020
Online Mass and Prayer Services

Please note that the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and all other churches in our parish are closed until further notice. Please call 82328688 from 9.30am-4.30pm Monday-Friday if you have any questions.

Mass will be live streamed at every Sunday at 10am for our Parish. Please visit:

https://youtu.be/x2TY8iA67x8

We have also listed a number of online Mass and prayers services below for your reference:

Channel 10 at 6am every Sunday morning
Mass for you at www.cathnews.com

Daily Mass can also be viewed at 9.30am and 9.30pm on the Shalomworld Australian channel.

Alternative times on the North American channel are 12.30pm and Europe channel at 7.30pm. They can be watched live on a SmartTV or smart phone by: downloading the Shalomworld app, or online on a laptop or PC at www.shalomworld.org/dailymass.

Daily Mass on Demand -- CathNews YouTube Channel - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYRq7AjVimr-hcHFJD_HVaQ

Daily Mass -- Archdiocese of Melbourne
https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

Live webcast of Sunday Mass
St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClMvvL7ahHez7fMR8yuPfXw/live

Readings of the day -- Universalis.Com
https://universalis.com/mass.htm

Sign up to receive daily Gospel reflections
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn
https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/living-word/

Madonna Magazine/Australian Jesuits
www.pray.com.au

Papal News
https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html

Faith Video Programs
https://shalomworld.org/

Police Checks for the Adelaide Cathedral Parish have been put on temporary hold

Kindly note that all Police Checks for the churches that are part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish have been put on hold for now. The Parish will put a note in the bulletin when we resume receiving new or renewal applications.

Adelaide Cathedral Parish office will be closed for visitors till further notice

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish office located next to the Cathedral at 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide 5000 will remain closed to all visitors from Monday 23rd March till further notice. Our phone lines numbers 82328688 will remain open from Monday– Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm for our parishioners and the general public. Thank You.

Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.

Lenten Regulations on Fasting & Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is observed on Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. Fasting is observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. During Lent, the Church encourages attendance to daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting and generosity to local and national programs of sharing.

Adelaide Cathedral Parish Weekly Newsletter available online

Starting 22nd March the Adelaide Cathedral Parish weekly newsletter will only be available online with no paper edition available till further notice. Please visit our website to download and print a copy at your convenience:

http://www.adelcathparish.org/news-events/weekly-newsletters

The Southern Cross Newspaper

A reminder that the Easter edition of The Southern Cross will be inserted in The Advertiser on Saturday April 4. We will not be distributing additional copies of the newspaper to parishes, as we normally do, due to the suspension of Masses and closure of churches. Some of you have contacted us to cancel your papers in coming months; this is not necessary as we realise that you will be unable to distribute them until further notice. We will reassess what is happening after Easter and how this will impact the next few editions of The Southern Cross. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if you could pick up their copy of The Southern Cross in The Advertiser or to access it online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au.