

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Archbishop of Adelaide

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Dear sisters and brothers,

Re COVID-19

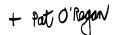
Grace and peace, I hope this note finds you well.

I am writing to clarify a number of issues:

- 1. COVID Marshals are no longer required except for events covered by a COVID Management Plan (i.e. over 1000 people).
 - I take this opportunity to thank the many dedicated COVID Marshals that have so generously navigated us through COVID compliance.
- 2. The following activities may resume:
 - a. Procession of Gifts
 - b. Collections: please be mindful to minimise contact when passing. Some parishes have invested in long poles that are attached to collection baskets or plates.
 - c. Children's Liturgy of the Word
 - d. After Mass Gatherings and Parish Meetings (i.e. Parish Council, youth activities, gatherings for a cup of tea after Mass). Please ensure that social distancing and hygience practices are maintained.
- 3. The Precious Blood should not be distributed to the faithful. Communion on the tongue is <u>not</u> yet permitted. A Deacon or a concelebrating Priest, if present, may receive by intinction. This will be reviewed regularly.
- 4. Holy Water should not be used in the Holy Water stoops. Again some Parishes have invested in dispensers for Holy Water. This will be reviewed regularly.
- 5. Visiting of the sick in the home: in this instance, I would advise a risk assessment be conducted and that some simple guidelines are followed:
 - a. Mask wearing
 - b. Not visiting when sick
 - c. Keeping visits brief

If you would like further assistance, please contact Deb Nation and her team at Catholic Health Safety and Welfare on 8215 6850.

In Domino,



+Patrick O'Regan

Archbishop of Adelaide