

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

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Announcement before Mass by Priest

- 1) Welcome to you all, especially those who may be attending Our Lady of the Rosary after a period of isolation. It is good to have so many of you back.
- 2) The Archbishop of Sydney has released his 7th Pastoral Letter to the clergy and the faithful during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. The following reminders are points taken from the Archbishop's letter. If you would like to have a copy of this letter you can find it on the Cathedral website, or you can call the Parish Office and the Parish Secretary can email you a copy. We ask you all to be patient and understanding with the protocol and restrictions that we must have in place in the Church at this time. These protocols and restrictions are based on government requirements. If the Church is found to have breached these protocols it can be fined up to \$55,000 and individuals who are breaching the protocols can be fined up to \$11,000 or 6 months prison time. If you know of any churches who are not following the law then please do not compare how they are to Our Lady of the Rosary, because we are not going to risk having this church closed down.
- 3) Just a reminder that the Archbishop has given a dispensation to attend Sunday Mass if you are unwell or self-isolating for a reason. This dispensation means that Catholics are not obliged to attend Mass in the Church during the Pandemic and until the Archbishop has told us otherwise. We still have our livestream Mass on Facebook at 9am on Sunday.
- 4) Before entering the church please use the provided hand sanitiser and make sure you have registered your name at the registration table. As the government needs this information if there is a spread of the virus.
- 5) Just a reminder that there is designated seating. Please sit on the sections of the pew where it says *Sit Here*. We must social distance in church even if you are from the same household, as our volunteers have been assigned certain areas to clean. If you do not sit at the designated areas, our volunteers will not know which areas to sanitise. To keep social distance, please do not move around during the Liturgy. If you have a child whom you need to supervise please put your child on your lap.
- 6) If you are coughing or if you feel unwell, please be mindful of others and leave the church.
- 7) When you are approaching the Sanctuary to receive Holy Communion, please remember to social distance from the person in front of you. We encourage all people to receive Holy Communion on the hand at this time but if you are not able to do this, please wait until the

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end of the Communion line, as the Priest or Acolyte may need to re-sanitise their hands if accidental contact is made with a person's tongue.

- 8) A reminder that at this time we are unable to have congregational singing as there is possible risk of air borne transmission in the church.
- 9) The toilets in the carpark will remain closed during this time. If you need to go to the toilet please use the toilet at the back of the Church. The reason for this is because our cleaners cannot clean each cubicle after each Mass and so we must limit the toilets so that the one which is being used will be cleaned after each Mass.
- 10) We have printed bulletins in the foyer of the church. If you have picked one up, please do not leave it in the church, as these bulletins cannot be reused.
- 11) When you are leaving the church, please exit from the side of the church where the piety store is, in order to social distance yourselves from parishioners who gather for the next Mass. You will also find the new financial year planned giving envelopes there as well.
- 12) A reminder that if you would like to pre book for Mass please register online or call the Parish Office at least 48hours before the Mass.