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Dear Fathers, Deacons and Parish Staff,

**Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has this afternoon said new social distancing rules for indoor gatherings of less than 100 are in place.

The new arrangement is four square metres must be provided per person in an enclosed space or 2 metres by 2 metres. He used the example that if you have a meeting room or similar that is 100 square metres, then only 25 people can be in that room.

The Prime Minister also said that wherever possible, a distance of 1.5 metres should be maintained between people to help limit the potential spread of the virus.

These new rules must be taken into account if you are preparing for Masses this weekend.

Please be reminded that fines may be enforced against organisations and parishes that do not enact these new rules.

Thank you for your continued prayers and work during this difficult and challenging time.

With prayerful remembrance,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams  
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