

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 compliance measures for places of worship, effective 24 July 2020.

We understand that the latest restrictions have meant we, as a Catholic community, have had to make significant changes. This is also true of many areas of the wider community.

We've witnessed how easily the virus can spread at churches, and recognise the government needed to place restrictions in response.

Our Parish is registered as a COVID-Safe organisation.

There is a cap of 100 people at religious services, weddings and funerals held at places of worship. The four-square meter rule and 1.5m physical distancing requirements will continue to apply.

Parishioners are not required to book to attend Mass as it will go by "a first come, first serve basis", therefore we will only allow the first 100 people to enter the church for each of our Mass services.

In this current time, we should avoid gatherings after Mass and we need to disperse from the grounds as quickly as possible.

Our Parish is adhering to the COVID-19 safety compliance and will ensure that physical distance, hygiene and cleanliness is maintained. We request every individual who is unwell, should not come to the Church and to please stay at home.

Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta continue to be dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.

As per the NSW Government requirement, every individual entering the Church needs to sign in with their full name and contact details.

This brings about responsibilities such as having a safety plan we need to follow, which can be inspected at any time.

Restricting attendance, recording all Mass attendees' contact details, sanitising our hands, avoiding congregational singing, only offering Communion on the hand and sitting in the marked positions in our pews are part of this plan.

We are grateful for the understanding of our parishioners. Being a COVID-Safe Parish is a co-operative effort by all members of the parish community.

If any of this information changes, we will advise parishioners accordingly. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!