



# Archbishop of Wellington

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Dear Fathers, Lay Pastoral Leaders, School and College Principals

Greetings and all good wishes to you all.

As you will be well aware yesterday (24<sup>th</sup> August) the Prime Minister announced that the Auckland region will stay at Alert level Three until next Sunday evening (30<sup>th</sup> August). The on Monday the whole country will go into Alert level Two and this will be reviewed on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

This means that in terms of Masses we stay as we are at the moment. Weekday Masses are permitted as long as there is social distancing, sanitizing, tracking and tracing facilities, and the same current restrictions for receiving Holy Communion. Communion on the hand only and NO distribution of the precious Blood.

**Requiem Masses may be celebrated, but with a limit of 100 people in attendance.**

This also means that for the next two weekends we will continue with NO celebration of Sunday Masses.

Once again, I take the opportunity to thank you most sincerely for all you are doing to keep people safe.

With blessings, your sincerely in the Lord

John Cardinal Dew  
Archbishop of Wellington