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Message from the Parish Priest, Pastoral Council, Finance and Liturgy committees

Under the current COVID19 Level 2 government regulations which restrict numbers to 10 in churches, for the next 2 weeks the church will continue to be closed for mass, all meeting rooms will be closed, and also the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, library and children's Room.

For weddings, funerals and baptisms please contact Fr Maleko.

From the 16th of May the church **will be open** for Reconciliation on **Saturdays from 9:30 am to 10:30 am**, and on **Sundays from 10:30 am to 11:30 am**. From the 17th of May the main body of the church will also be open on **Sundays for personal prayer from 2 pm to 4 pm**.

In offering these opportunities to the parish we will implement the Health and Safety requirements set out by the Ministry of Health, so no more than 10 in total will be in the church at any one time. Parishioners will be asked to declare their health status before entering, and will be required to register their name and a contact number. Hand sanitiser will be provided and social distancing is expected. People waiting outside will be asked to maintain social distancing. These opportunities are provided with the expectation that parishioners will support this intention, and be prepared to wait if required.

In preparation for the government's announcement that 100 can gather for mass

We ask parishioners to indicate to the Parish office, either by email or phone call two preferences for Sunday mass attendance, and the number of people in the family attending. Parishioners will then be allocated a mass.

Mass options

Friday mass	11:15 am	<i>Recommended for our Golden Age members</i>
Saturday	6:00 pm	
Sunday	9:00 am	
Sunday	9:00 am	<i>Online</i>
Sunday	11:00 am	<i>Note later start</i>
Sunday	4:30 pm	

We hope a significant number of our retired community will choose the Friday mass and/or attend the online mass, understanding that Cardinal John has waived the Sunday mass obligation while we are in Level 2. This will help support our goal to enable mass opportunities for all, and protect the health of our community while we are in Level 2. We will have the same Ministry of Health requirements at these masses as outlined above.

In order to be open for mass when the number who can gather is increased to 100, we do need parishioners to contact the office in the week of the 18th to 22nd of May, preferably by email to stjosephsuh1@gmail.com. This will give us time to allocate masses, and contact people to advise them of their allocated mass. Please be understanding if you do not get your first preference.