



ADDENDUM to COVID-19 guidelines from Bishop Brian Mascord

Effective 15 December 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters

Please find the following changes to our Stage 3 milestone as part of our COVID-19 Guidelines that will commence Wednesday 15 December in accordance with the new health guidelines.

Density Limits

There are no density limits for Mass, Funerals and Weddings. Parishes can set their own density limits, where appropriate, to ensure the safety of parishioners. (e.g in holiday times where churches may be overflowing)

QR Code

COVID-19 Safe QR check-ins **are required** for entry to the church. It is not compulsory for COVID-19 Safe QR check-in processes at parish offices, however, parishes can continue this practice if they deem it necessary.

Singing

Congregational singing can commence.

Masks

Masks are no longer required. However, these are highly recommended where social distancing cannot take place. Social distancing will be difficult in full churches particularly during Christmas celebrations.

Monitors

Monitors will still be required to ensure that all attendees register using the COVID-19 Safe QR check-in system.

Parish offices and meetings

Parish Offices can re-open and meetings can recommence. Parishes should ensure the health and safety of parish staff are considered when reopening.

Overall Risk Management

The situation regarding COVID-19 remains very uncertain and the experience in other countries shows that even with high rates of vaccination, restrictions can be swiftly re-imposed. Parishes are encouraged to actively manage their unique environment to keep staff, parishioners and visitors safe which may at times include density management, mask wearing and other hygiene and safety practices.

I wish you God's blessings as you prepare for Christmas celebrations.

Yours in the Lord

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD

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