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## Instructions for Holy Week - 2021

We hope and pray that, unlike during 2020, we will be able to gather to celebrate The Holy Week & Triduum Liturgies this year.

Naturally, there are some thoughts to assist with re celebrations during this pandemic time. In Alert Level 1 we are aware that there is no known community transfer of the Covid19 virus yet we continue to maintain practices of caution as I have previously mentioned.

The following are recommendations during this most Holy of times.

### Holy Thursday

If the washing of feet is to occur in the liturgy, fresh water is to be poured over each person's foot. It may be an idea to have only one family as representative for the parish this year. There is no need to have 12 people during this rite. Adoration follows the Mass of the Lords Supper and occurs in the Church of the celebration or a place proximate to that church.

### Good Friday

At the Veneration of the Cross the rite suggests two possible forms for our time.

1. A central cross could be placed before the Sanctuary/Altar and people come forward to bow or genuflect before the Cross. **The Cross is not to be kissed.**
2. A Cross to be raised at a central place which can be seen by all, and a period of silent adoration follows for the faithful from where they stand/are seated.

Verbal instructions of these changes will be of help to the faithful.

During baptisms over the Easter period please be mindful that fresh water it to be poured over each of the baptised.

As you are aware of how quickly Aotearoa New Zealand can have Alert Level shifts it will be helpful to have resources at hand, to send out to assist the faithful during the Holy Week, Triduum Easter Season, if required.

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