



Archbishop of Wellington

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Dear Fathers, Lay Pastoral Leaders and Archdiocesan Directors,

Greetings and all good wishes as once again we have gone into a Nationwide Lockdown, and thank you for all you are doing to ensure the safety and well-being of all.

For those of you in parishes we will need to keep a close watch on what is happening and listen carefully to see if this Lockdown extends beyond the three days. If it does continue there will not be Masses or gatherings at Level Four, it may be of course that we go to another level but we just need to wait and see.

If we go back to Alert Level 2 or 3 outside of Auckland, there will be no Masses or parish gatherings.

If we go back to Level One it will be a good time to remind people of what we are doing to keep everyone safe, that is:

- Holy Communion under one kind only (no communion from the chalice)
- Holy Communion to be received on the hand only
- No Sign of Peace
- No holy water in the water fonts
- Please remind people to track and trace, if possible, to use the tracer app.
- Sanitise on the way into Churches and on the way out.

Requiem Mass for Father Don Morrison

Don's Requiem Mass was to be this coming Friday in Featherston. This cannot happen now. In speaking with his family they wish to wait to see if it is possible to have the Requiem one day next week and we are working closely with them and the Funeral Director. I will let you know as soon as we know how long this Lockdown will continue for.

With all good wishes and every blessing.

PRAY

This is a time for prayer for our country, for one another and for those deeply affected all over the world. Many prayers have been provided over recent months. I attach another prayer to use at this time.

Yours sincerely in the Lord

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