



# The Parish of the Holy Spirit - *Te Wairua Tapu*

Archdiocese of Wellington

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## NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

13<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of Peace to all!

Following the announcement of Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Auckland Region has moved to Alert Level 3 and the rest of the country to Alert Level 2 until at least midnight of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops met via zoom conference yesterday to discuss a unified approach towards the announcement. Cardinal John Dew the Archbishop of Wellington released the following statements yesterday afternoon.

- To be safe **the Cardinal is suspending all Masses, and parish activities which involve gathering**, until Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. This means there will be no Masses this weekend, and the dispensation from the Sunday obligation is in place. The dispensation also applies to the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation and falls on Saturday. **There are to be no exceptions to this suspension of public Masses over the next few days.**
- Taking Communion to the Sick and Reconciliation are also to be suspended for the same period of time. Priests can make their own decisions about those who are very ill or in danger of death.
- Churches can be open for private visits but there is to be no Eucharistic Adoration.
- **Contact Tracing**, will need to be collected and **Social distancing** (1 metre) observed.

I am fully aware that Cardinal John has made this difficult decision in suspending all parish activities that involve gathering. However, it is vital that we all work together to keep everyone safe.

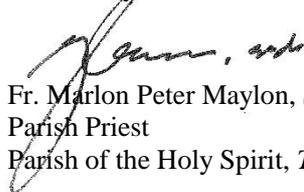
### **HYGIENE AND SAFETY**

- Use the hand sanitizer at churches entrances.
- People should not attend if they are sick to keep the community safe.

### **KEEPING RECORDS**

- Everyone is encouraged, for purposes of contact tracing, **to fill out the form provided at the foyer of our churches or download the contact tracer's apps**. Please don't be complacent, this is important.

One with you in the Divine Word,



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