



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

Archdiocese of Wellington

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18th August 2020

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

RE: PARISH GUIDELINES UNDER LEVEL TWO

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of Peace to all!

Yesterday afternoon 17th August, Cardinal John Dew (Archbishop of Wellington) issued a circular letter as a response to the extended Government COVID Alert Level Two restriction. In his circular, he mentioned that under Alert Level Two (Wellington), it is **PERMISSIBLE TO CONTINUE WEEKDAY MASSES AND MASSES ON SATURDAY MORNING FROM WEDNESDAY 19TH August 2020.**

Therefore, as a parish we can **RESUME our Weekday Masses** Tuesday-Friday (please be guided by our regular schedules). However, our **Weekend Masses are still SUSPENDED** as per directive by Cardinal John. This decision is based from the previous Level Two experience: many Parishes encountered difficulty of ensuring that only 100 people present under the Ministry of Health condition.

The following instructions must be adhered to:

- Keep the social distance of two metres in each direction, and if needed the number of people present must be restricted to allow this to happen.
- The ability to track and trace **MUST** be available, either electronically or manually.
- Hand Sanitiser must be available.
- Communion is to be the Body of Christ only and it is only to be received on the hand.
- At the Sign of Peace, people should avoid shaking hands or other contact with one another, and instead smile, nod or bow to one another.
- **NO Holy Water.**

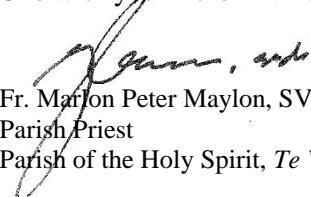
The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be provided as long as social distancing or a physical barrier is in place. Baptisms are to be delayed until we are at Alert Level One. Communion can be taken to the sick, but I strongly encourage the use of masks and sanitizer.

Requiem Masses and funerals can take place under Alert Level Two, with up to 100 people present.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

“May the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all”

One with you in the Divine Word,



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