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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

As was previously communicated, when the 80% double dose vaccination target is achieved by the state of NSW, our churches will be able to open to our entire community from the following Monday. From that time, all religious services will only be limited by the 4 sqm rule.

It was previously anticipated that the state would reach this milestone two weeks after the reopening at the 70% double dose target. However, the Premier reported this morning that we are likely to reach the 80% target today or certainly by tomorrow.

This would mean that our churches will be able to reopen to our entire community from this Monday 18 October 2021. While this cannot be confirmed until the weekend, for parishes, now would be a good time to start preparing for potentially reopening earlier than expected.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia