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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

The NSW Government has now published on their websites the shift in density limits from 1 person per 4 sqm to 1 person per 2 sqm from Monday, 8 November. This will apply to all indoor areas, including places of worship. The density limit for outdoor areas remains the same at 1 person per 2 sqm.

As previously communicated, places of worship can have all people attend regardless of vaccination status. As restrictions are further relaxed, please continue to observe the requirements of your COVID-19 Safety Plan for places of worship. This includes ensuring that:

- people are wearing face masks;
- 1.5m physical distancing is maintained where possible;
- people are recording their attendance;
- parishes are keeping records of attendance;
- choir members must not exceed 10 fully vaccinated persons; and
- hygiene measures continue to take place.

Please also be reminded that the COVID-19 Safety Plans for places of worship also require that you have strategies in place to manage congestion and to **avoid any sort of gatherings after the religious service.**

These include strategies after major religious services like weddings, funerals, confirmations, baptisms, et cetera. Social gatherings are not allowed as per the COVID-19 Safety Plan. These congestion management strategies are especially important as we are allowing all to attend our churches, including those who may be more vulnerable.

Yours in Christ,

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