



ADDENDUM to COVID-19 directives from Bishop Brian Mascord

Effective 9 July 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters

Following the extension to the lockdown for Greater Sydney the following changes are in force by the Public Health Order and amendments.

For Parishes in the Macarthur, Wollongong and Shellharbour Local Government Areas the following apply:

- **Churches are closed** except for funerals
- **a funeral may take place** at which there are no more than 100 persons, including the person conducting the service (the 4 square metre rule still applies)
 - Facemasks are compulsory for mourners
- **Livestream masses can be held**
 - People directly involved in the service itself and the operation of the recording equipment may be present for the service.
- Singing and chanting
 - **Two people may sing or chant during the live-streaming** of the service, if
 - there are no more than two other people in the room or designated area while they are singing
 - people in the room, other than the singers, wear a face mask.
 - While singing, the singers
 - must be 3 metres away from anyone else at the place of public worship
 - are not required to wear a face mask.

For Parishes in the Southern Highlands, Kiama and the Shoalhaven the following apply:

- Churches remain open
- Maximum capacity of the church is calculated under the 4 sq metre rule previously operating
- Facemasks are compulsory for congregants
- **Up to five people may sing** based on the following conditions
 - The singers must wear a face mask
 - keep a distance of at least 1.5 metres from each other
 - keep a distance of 3 metres from the congregation.

Please continue to remain vigilant to any rapid developments that relate to your parish and make changes accordingly to ensure the safety of the community. We will also do our best to advise you of further changes as they arise.

Yours in the Lord

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD

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