

## Covid - 19

### Understanding the guidelines for Tiers 2 & 3

The celebration of public Mass can resume from Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Tier 2 - High</b>	<b>Tier 3 - Very High</b>
<b>Church open for Mass</b>	Yes, while adhering to the requirements of social distancing, the wearing of face coverings, cleaning requirements between Masses and the secure capacity determined by the COVID-19 risk assessment for the church building.	Yes, while adhering to the requirements of social distancing, the wearing of face coverings, cleaning requirements between Masses and the secure capacity determined by the COVID-19 risk assessment for the church building.
<b>Attending Mass</b>	People must not attend mass in groups of more than 6. Those attending mass must not socialise/interact with people from outside of their household or support bubble while inside the church building. Those attending can socialise/interact with people from outside of their household or support bubble while outside the church building but only in groups of up to 6.	People must not attend Mass in groups of more than 6 nor with people from outside of their household or support bubble. Those attending mass must not socialise/interact with people from outside of their household or support bubble while inside the church building. Those attending can only socialise/interact with people from within their household or support bubble while outside the church building in groups of up to 6.
<b>Singing in Church</b>	There is to be no congregational singing. A cantor or a choir may sing during mass. When there is a choir, singers are to be spaced at least 2 meters apart in all directions. Musicians must adhere to social distancing requirements.	There is to be no congregational singing. A cantor or a choir may sing during mass. When there is a choir, singers are to be spaced at least 2 meters apart in all directions. Musicians must adhere to social distancing requirements.
<b>Baptisms</b>	Baptisms can take place. When taking place outside of Mass the number attending is limited to 6, which includes the person being baptised but not the priest/deacon. Those attending can be from different households but can only interact with those from their own household. When a baptism takes place in a Mass which must be part of the normal pattern of parish Masses, the number of attending will be determined by the secure capacity for the church building. Those attending can be from different households.	Baptisms can take place. When taking place outside of Mass the number attending is limited to 6, which includes the person being baptised but not the priest/deacon. Those attending can only be from the household or support bubble of the person being baptised. When a baptism takes place in a Mass which must be part of the normal pattern of parish Masses, the number of attending will be determined by the secure capacity for the church building. Those attending can only be from the household or support bubble

<b>Weddings</b>	Nuptial Mass or Wedding Service can take place with a maximum of 15 attendees, including the couple and guests. Anyone 'working' at the wedding is not part of the legal limit. Wedding receptions can take place with a maximum of 15 attendees.	Nuptial Mass or Wedding Service can take place with a maximum of 15 attendees, including the couple and guests. Anyone 'working' at the wedding is not part of the legal limit. Wedding receptions are not permitted.
<b>Funerals</b>	Requiem Mass or Funeral Service can take place with a maximum of 30 attendees. If the secure capacity determined by the COVID-19 risk assessment for the church building or Crematorium Chapel is less than 30, then the secure capacity number applies. The maximum number of 30 or the safe capacity number if lower does not include the priest/deacon or funeral staff. Wakes can take place with a maximum of 15 attendees.	Requiem Mass or Funeral Service can take place with a maximum of 30 attendees. If the secure capacity determined by the COVID-19 risk assessment for the church building or Crematorium Chapel is less than 30, then the secure capacity number applies. The maximum number of 30 or the safe capacity number if lower does not include the priest/deacon or funeral staff. Wakes can take place with a maximum of 15 attendees.
<b>Pastoral Visits</b>	Cannot take place except in the case of terminal illness or end of life care.	Cannot take place except in the case of terminal illness or end of life care.
<b>Travel</b>	Avoid travel into Tier 3 areas except to attend Weddings, Funerals, or Baptisms. A priest may travel into Tier 3 areas to cover a Mass supply.	Avoid travelling out of area except to attend Weddings or Funerals. A priest may travel out of area to cover a Mass supply. A deacon may travel out of area to officiate at a Wedding, Funeral or Baptism service.