



**Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn**

Archdiocesan Protocols COVID 19

Liturgical and Pastoral

NSW Parishes

Effective Wednesday 1 July 2020

Eucharist

1. Masses are to be celebrated *respecting the 4sqm per person rule* (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers).
 - a. Communion in the hand only.
 - b. Sacred Host, not the Precious Blood, to be offered.
 - c. No touching at the sign of peace.
 - d. No collection plates are to be used, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.
 - e. 4sqm per person rule
 - i. Seating
 - ii. Standing
 - iii. During the Communion Procession
 - iv. During the movement to place money/envelopes at the collection points.
 - f. Hygiene practices
 - i. Sanitisation of hands before entering the church
 - ii. Wiping down of pews and common areas at conclusion of Mass.
 - iii. Priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to purify hands with sanitiser before and after offering Holy Communion.
 - iv. Limit the use of books. Ensure they are cleansed between use.
 - g. Register of people upon entering the church
 - i. Name
 - ii. Phone number and/or email
 - iii. To be kept in safe place (respecting privacy laws) for 28 days for chief medical officer.



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Funerals

2. Please note: **effective Monday 15 June 2020**
3. 4sqm per person rule applies (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers). Funeral directors to keep register of people who attend.

Weddings

4. 4sqm per person rule applies (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers). Parish to keep register in accord with 1(g).

Baptism

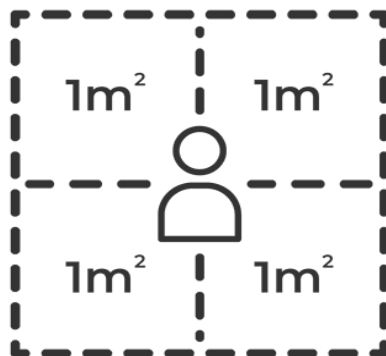
5. 4sqm per person rule (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers).

Penance

6. First Rite of Penance, with priest and penitent respecting the 4sqm per person rule.
7. Second Rite of Penance to be celebrated with 4sqm per person rule (excluding clergy and liturgical ministers).

Prayer and Social Gatherings

8. 4sqm per person rule applies, whether inside Church or other Church facility.





ACT Parishes

Effective Friday 19 June 2020

Eucharist

9. Masses are to be celebrated with ***no more than 100 people***, respecting the 4sqm per person rule (including priest and those involved in liturgical ministries).
 - a. Communion in the hand only.
 - b. Sacred Host, not the Precious Blood, to be offered.
 - c. No touching at the sign of peace.
 - d. No collection plates are to be used, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.
 - e. 4sqm per person rule
 - i. Seating
 - ii. Standing
 - iii. During the Communion Procession
 - iv. During the movement to place money/envelopes at the collection points.
 - f. Hygiene practices
 - i. Sanitisation of hands before entering the church
 - ii. Wiping down of pews and common areas at conclusion of Mass
 - iii. Priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to purify hands with sanitiser before and after offering Holy Communion
 - iv. Limit the use of books. Ensure they are cleansed between use.
 - g. Register of people upon entering the church
 - i. Name
 - ii. Phone number and/or email
 - iii. To be kept in safe place (respecting privacy laws) for 28 days for chief medical officer.

Funerals

10. No more than 100 people, respecting the 4sqm per person rule (including clergy and liturgical ministers). Funeral directors to keep register of people who attend.



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Weddings

11. No more than 100 people, respecting the 4sqm per person rule (including clergy and liturgical ministers). Church to keep register of people who attend in accord with 9(g).

Baptism

12. No more than 100 people, respecting the 4sqm per person rule (including priest and those involved in liturgical ministries).

Penance

13. First Rite of penance, with priest and penitent respecting the 4sqm per person rule.
14. Second Rite of penance to be celebrated with no more than 100 people, respecting the 4sqm per person rule (including priest and liturgical ministers).

Prayer and Social Gatherings

15. No more than 100 people whether inside Church or other Church facility, respecting the 4sqm per person rule.



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NSW & ACT Parishes

Effective immediately

Communion to Sick and Elderly Persons

16. Normal pastoral practice resumes. Communion to sick persons in hospitals, aged care homes and private homes.

Anointing of the Sick

17. Normal pastoral practice resumes. Anointing of the sick in hospitals, aged care homes and private homes.
18. If the person has *COVID 19*, please consult the Vicar General.
19. Hospital rosters resume in the ACT.

First Penance, First Holy Communion & Confirmation

20. Normal pastoral practice resumes, respecting liturgical and pastoral protocols.

Father Anthony Percy

Vicar General

16 June 2020