



30 May 2020

Dear Parishioners of St Kevin's

*Following the further relaxation of restrictions on public gatherings in NSW from 1st June 2020, churches and places of worship, subject to distancing requirements, may have up to **50 people inside, at a time, for private prayer, Confessions, Masses, Baptisms, Funerals, Eucharistic Adoration, etc.; Weddings will be permitted with 20 attendees.***

*We are pleased to let you know that our Church will be open for weekday Masses starting on Monday, 1st June. Usual weekday Mass times will apply, Monday–Thursday at 7:30am. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Friday, 5th June from 4pm-5pm followed by a Mass.*

*Weekend Masses will resume on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June. Usual weekend Mass times will apply. Saturday Vigil at 5.30pm. Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and 6pm. **First 50 people are allowed in the church.***

*Private prayer will continue, Monday-Friday between 8am-9am.*

*We will still be recording the weekend Mass and upload it on the [parish website](#), [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#) every Sunday at 7.30am for those who are still unable to visit the Church at this time..*

*We ask that you please observe the guidelines outlined below when visiting:*

- ***Spatial distancing must be observed at all times, at least 1½m from each other, especially when queueing to enter or leave the church, for Holy Communion or Confession;*** Spatial distancing should also be observed by ministers in the sanctuary.
- At-risk parishioners should be ***exhorted not to attend***: authorities have directed that any unwell priest, staff member, volunteer or parishioner to stay home; they recommend that the very elderly, people with compromised immune or respiratory systems, to stay at home. Everyone should exercise caution when attending.
- ***Upon entering the church, each attendee should record his/her contact details (name, phone number or email address) on a clipboard provided at Church entrance door.*** This is in accordance to CovidSafe regulations for contact tracing and also for provision of pastoral care.
- ***We ask that you sanitise your hands when entering the Church. Hand sanitisers will be provided at entrance doors.*** We use disinfectant spray to clean seating areas.
- ***Attendees may sit only in marked places.***



- There will be no hand-to-hand passing of parish bulletins or collection plates. ***Printed parish bulletins are for single use only, so please take them home. There will be collection boxes at designated areas.***
- The sign of peace should be without any physical contact.
- Holy Communion shall be distributed and received on the hand only; the Chalice is reserved for the clergy.
- ***Celebrants and people should minimize the time they are gathered together. We discourage long chats outside the Church after Mass.*** Maintain spatial distancing inside and outside the Church.
- Attendees must observe good hygiene practices especially when coughing or sneezing.
- For private prayer, please sit in the padded seating area near the Blessed Sacrament (right-hand side facing the altar).

***As stated in the latest Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop, 'Permission to reopen churches and to conduct religious gatherings of up to 50 persons from June 1, comes with strict conditions: we must take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received.'***

***We invite you to regularly use our [parish website](#) for updates, [weekly bulletin](#), [homilies](#), and other resources you may find useful. Please stay connected with other parishioners through our [Facebook page](#).***

My prayers and blessings to everyone!

Fr Martin R Maunsell B Th