



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MELBOURNE

## #40 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

### COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Information Updated: 20 July 2021, 5.00pm**

**As of 11.59pm, Thursday 15 July 2021, the following ‘circuit-breaker lockdown’ measures were applied across Victoria, and have now be extended until 11.59pm, Tuesday 27 July, 2021, or until otherwise notified.**

- **Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors:** everywhere except your own home.
- **There will be 5 Reasons to leave home:**
  - shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required; within 5km);
  - caregiving or compassionate reasons;
  - authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate (if you can work from home, you must work from home);
  - exercise (up to two hour two hours, with one other person or members of your household; within 5km);
  - receive a vaccination.
- **Private and public gatherings will not be permitted:** Single person bubbles will be allowed.
- **PRAYER and RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:** No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.
- **FUNERALS:** (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.
- **WEDDINGS:** (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).
- **AGED CARE:** No visitors are permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end-of-life reasons.
- **HOSPITALS:** No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child.