

• CARONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS: - LATEST NEWS:

We just received the following notice from Archbishop Coleridge:

“The **celebration of Mass on Sundays** (including the Saturday vigil) **suspended with immediate effect and until further notice**, and all the faithful are dispensed from the Sunday obligation .



For the time being, **weekday Masses may be celebrated** as scheduled, with the **current restrictions and precautions** to be observed. “ (max of 100 people, separated by 1.5m etc)

Alcohol based gels or rubs (or like products) should be available near the entrances. (Sorry we cannot access supplies—hopefully you can BYO)

It is wise for people to **receive** Holy Communion **in the hand** rather than on the tongue.

This will be **an OPPORTUNITY** (Life always follows death) to **be Church** in other ways. I hope to help all families and individuals **live their faith at home**. Many Catholic Families (e.g. in China, or the Amazon or under ISIS rule do this all the time) It would be a **big help** to me and a **huge advantage** to **YOU**, if we have your **email address** via which we can keep in touch and send you prayers and other resources. If you DO NOT receive the newsletter via email, could you **please** send an email to the parish (we'll keep it private) so that we can keep in touch.—Denis.

In the meantime, here are a couple of resources to help you remain in prayer with the whole church while being at home:

• A **great App** (for phones, tablets or computers—Apple or Android). It has the daily readings, the “Prayer of the Church” - a participation in the prayer of Christ with the whole community etc. Do a search for “**Catholic Calendar: Universalis**”.

• **Liturgy Brisbane** has made available this resource which is **the Sunday Readings** and a brief commentary about them. <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html/>

Other Resources: Sunday Mass is ‘Live streamed’ from the Cathedral: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/> **Mass on TV** Sun 6am Ch 10; Two Minute Homilies: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

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Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms—all will be limited to 100 people or less if the Government lowers the allowed number to gather in an enclosed space.

Parish Income: Our Parish will continue to function during this crisis and, as you know, the **Bills will still come in**. (Regardless of anything the **costs** of keeping your parish running works out at **about \$12 per man woman and child** per week.) We will endeavour to **try new things to help you** live as “church” (a people gathered in response to Jesus’ call). The two resources above are an example of that. **If you use the Envelopes**, maybe you can drop them in once a month. (Until further notice there is the basket in the **Office Foyer during Office hours**) Or maybe you can **send a cheque once a month** with your donation (include a first or second collection envelope or indicate your number in some other way, **or** maybe

you can **Deposit your giving directly** into our Parish Bank Account. Details are:

BSB: 064-786

Acc Name: Stafford Parish Acc

Acc Number: No 007291100

Bank: CBA

Reference: Your Name or Env No.

If you **normally** contribute **using cash**, maybe you can do the same.

Other ways to be “church” and live out your Faith (Remember Mass is the “summit and source” of your life, it’s not the “be all and end all” as if nothing else matters.)

- **Print out this newsletter** and leave it in the letter box of an elderly or sick parishioner who does not have a computer (the same with other resources we send you).
- **Be considerate of others**—do not ‘panic buy’ and horde more than you need from the shops.
- **Offer to shop/telephone / look out for** elderly or sick neighbours who find it difficult/dangerous to leave home. **Etc etc**.
- **If you think of other ways** we can be church together, **email me** and we can pass on the ideas to others or try to implement them as Parish.

Our **Fast from the Eucharist** is a challenge that, if we embrace it, will make us grow. **We’ve encountered worse** and many of our **fellow Catholics** have faced this for many years.