



## **Easter 2021**

### *Liturgical Protocols*

#### **1. Holy Thursday**

##### *a. Washing of the Feet*

- i. The ritual can be omitted due to COVID.
- ii. The ritual can be performed: The celebrant should pour water only and not touch the feet of parishioners. Parishioners dry their own feet, with their own towel.

##### *b. Reception of Holy Communion*

- i. Only received in the hand.
- ii. Precious Blood not to be offered.

#### **2. Good Friday**

##### *a. Veneration of the Cross*

- i. Non tactile gestures only – no touching or kissing of the Cross.
- ii. Parishes could substitute a collective reverence of the Cross, with a minute's silence (for instance).

#### **3. Easter Vigil**

- a. Holy Water not to be sprinkled on the faithful.
- b. Candles can be used during the *Liturgy of Light* and the *Baptismal Liturgy*, but the faithful should bring their own and not leave them in the Church.

#### **4. Singing**

##### *a. NSW Parishes*

*'No more than 30 people should sing indoors. All singers should face forwards and not towards each other, have physical distancing of 1.5m between each other and any other singers, and be 5m from all other people' (NSW Health).*



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### *b. ACT Parishes*

*'Choirs should maintain a minimum of two metres from each other and congregation.*

*Congregations can sing. Parishes need to include singing in their COVID Safety Plan (these protocols suffice) and ensure that members maintain a minimum of 1.5 metres from each other whilst singing.*

*Additional cleaning should be undertaken of areas or equipment in range of singers' (ACT Health).*

*Vicar General*

*19 March 2021*

*Feast of St. Joseph*

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### Updated Archdiocesan Protocols COVID 19

**Effective Tuesday 10 March 2021**  
**ACT Parishes Only**

#### **Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Liturgies, Gatherings**

1. It is now **mandatory** for parishioners & visitors to use the *Check In CBR App*. All ACT Parishes must use the *Check In CBR App*. Visit:

<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr>

2. We must "take *reasonable* steps to ensure parishioners check in."
3. A new 'business' profile function in the *Check In CBR App* has been developed to assist us to comply with this requirement.
4. Parishioners who are unable to use the *App* can be signed in by other parishioners who utilise the 'business' profile. A few chosen parishioners, who have the *App*, will need to be at the entrance to the Church to greet those who are unable to check in. They will need to:

- a. Go to *Menu* at the top left of the *App*



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- b. Go to 'Profile' in the *App*
  - c. At the bottom of the page you will see 'Create a Business Profile'
  - d. Click on this and follow the simple instructions.
5. It would be *reasonable* for parishes to continue with a ***physical roster*** to help those who are unable to use the *App*. It should be kept for 30 days.

### **Parish COVID-19 Safety Plan**

- Apply the **2m<sup>2</sup>** rule. This will mean that most churches will be able to have approximately **200** in their Church
- If a liturgy is celebrated outside the Church, then apply the **2m<sup>2</sup>** rule, up to a maximum of **500**
- Availability of hand sanitiser is essential
- Holy Communion only under the species of bread
- Holy Communion to be received only in the hand
- No touching at the sign of peace
- Collection bags not to be passed around, but can be placed on an extended stick to allow collection of cash by a few parishioners
- Families can sit together, but in relation to other persons/families apply **2m<sup>2</sup>** rule.

*Vicar General*  
*10 March 2021*