

ANGLICAN PARISH OF CANNING  
Church of St Michael & All Angels

6 February 2021

Dear Parishioners,

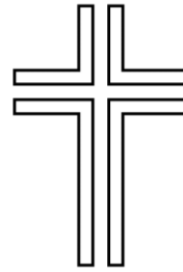
What a week! It is near enough miraculous that no more cases of covid were identified, and this means that we can safely gather in church again tomorrow, with some restrictions which are bullet pointed below.

- The 4sq metre capacity rule applies, this means 50 people in our church.
- Wearing masks while inside church buildings is mandatory for everyone including those leading church services
- Clergy leading worship do not need to wear a face mask when they are speaking in order to aid enunciation
- Clergy and other worship leaders should ensure that they are 4sq metres away from people when leading the service or preaching
- The responsibility for signing in to 'venues' using the SafeWA App or paper register is the responsibility of each individual
- Archbishop requests that parishes dispense with hospitality after services for this Sunday
- The distribution of Holy Communion continues to be in one kind only.
- I suggest that the celebrant sanitise their hands both before the Great Thanksgiving Prayer and also directly before distributing the bread
- A mask must be worn at the distribution of Communion
- Those receiving Communion should do so while wearing their mask and consume it when they return to their seat (at which point they will be at the required distance from others)
- Please note there is no restriction on singing (however dancing, liturgical or otherwise, is out!!)

I note that January has been relatively quiet, so it may be that we scrape in with under 50. If more than 50 do turn up, I suggest that Parish Councillors put some chairs in the office space and open those doors (separate area increases our capacity), or otherwise creatively adapt (chairs outside on porch on east side?). Again though, I suspect we will not exceed 50 this week, and by next Sunday things will, please God, be back to whatever passes for 'normal' these days!

I have stocked up on masks for the parish this week, so no problems with supply on that front, but you are encouraged to BYO mask.

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I encourage the use of the SafeWA app over the paper sign in sheet, and the QR code is provided in every service booklet. Choir is cancelled this week, along with morning tea per the Archbishop's request.

I am still meant to be on leave at the moment, so you will be in the care of Fr Jacob Le Garda the next two Sundays. I very much look forward to seeing you all soon, and introducing you to little Mabel!

Lastly – please pray for our Mainly Music ministry program which commences on Tuesday at 9.30AM – this is a wonderful outreach to people with children aged 0-4. We give thanks to God for Anna, Colleen, Allan, Phil & Kerry who are part of the core team, as well as others who are volunteering to help out on a regular basis.

***Lord Jesus Christ, you brought calm to your friends in the midst of storms  
and you give us courage in testing times.  
Stay close to us through the challenges we face today;  
the bushfires, the COVID lockdown, and all the dangers and uncertainties around us.  
In our communities, refresh the spirit of generosity.  
Guide our leaders in government and community  
to make wise decisions for the common good.  
Strengthen the people who are on the frontline of care and services.  
Confirm in each of us our commitment to love our neighbour as ourselves  
so that we can live together in safety, goodwill and hope,  
trusting the strength of your love. Amen.***

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