



From the Bishop

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To all Clergy, Secretaries, Diocesan Councillors and Synod Representatives

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Dear Friends in Christ,

What a week it has been! It has been revealed today that information provided to authorities which sent us into the six day “circuit breaker” lockdown from yesterday was false. As a result, the Premier, Steven Marshall, has announced that as of 12:01am on Sunday 22nd November (Midnight Saturday) we will revert to similar restrictions that were in place on Monday 16th November 2020.

Feel free to refer to the “COVID-19 Pastoral Letter Update 11” from the 17th November but, as a reminder, these restrictions will include;

- 1 person per 4 square metres of space.
- Funerals can resume with a maximum of 50 people.
- Weddings can resume with a maximum of 150 people, but all guests must be registered with SA Health ([Digital contact tracing record form - Weddings](#)).
- Religious Ceremonies (not including a wedding or a funeral) can resume with a maximum of 100 people.
- Gatherings at private residences are capped at 10 people.

I would like to stress that, given the very “on again, off again” nature of this week, while church services are able to proceed on Sunday, if it is too short notice to make the necessary arrangements then please do not put yourselves under any pressure to gather people. We will still need to have Covid Marshals on duty and keep records of attendees for Contact Tracing purposes.

As of Monday 23rd November, the Registry will reopen, although visitors should be kept to essential. Synod will still not be able to take place as a face-to-face meeting on the 27th and 28th November though.

The State Government are still working through the details so I am sure there will be more updates as time progresses, but they are currently saying that masks are not mandatory, but the wearing of a mask is encouraged. All other Covid-safe principles, such as washing/sanitising hands, keeping your distance from members of the public you don't regularly associate with etc, still apply, and if you feel unwell, stay home and seek testing.

With prayers and best wishes,

The Right Reverend Keith Dalby
Bishop of The Murray

