

12 May 2020

Ad Clerum 10

Easing of Restrictions

Dear Colleagues,

I wanted to give some guidance on the recent announcement by our Government re the recommencement of church services. I want to caution against rushing in where angels fear to tread in this instance. I know we are all eager to return to “normality” but some precautions do need to be taken.

I am authorising the recommencement of Church Services in line with the Government requirements. They are;

1. Risk Assessment conducted in accordance with the attached AIRS correspondence.
2. No more than 10 people attending a service (Those officiating or required for administrative purposes are in addition to the 10 attendees, although this number should be limited as much as possible).
3. The 4 square metres of space per person rule still applies.
4. Hand sanitiser, tissues and a foot pedal operated bin at entrance.
5. Hand sanitiser in the sanctuary.
6. Contact list at the door with a person designated to keep it current with the following information;
 - a. Date, time, and type of service.
 - b. Name (first name only is acceptable)
 - c. Phone number (Mobile preferred)
 - d. Time in and time out
 - e. General location of where the person is/sits within the church (ie Right front, left middle, right back. The person with the clip board is best to keep this information recorded)
7. Communion in one kind only (Wafer).
8. NO PASSING OF THE PEACE. Simply, “The Lord be with you” Response, “and also with you.” Then continue on with the rest of the service as per normal.
9. No after service gathering, ie Morning Tea.
10. Clean up in accordance with enclosed AIRS correspondence,



I further authorise the reopening of Op-Shops with the following requirements;

1. Risk Assessment conducted in accordance with the attached AIRS correspondence.
2. There needs to be a person of authority “in charge” and on site at all times. This would be the Op-Shop Manager, the Parish Priest, or a person declared by the Manager or Priest as “Manager for the day” if necessary.
3. The 4 square metres of space per person rule still applies.
4. Hand sanitiser, tissues and a foot pedal operated bin at entrance.
5. Person at the door with clipboard, or similar, and form noting the following information;
 - a. Date, and hours of operation
 - b. Name of customer (first name only is acceptable)
 - c. Phone number (Mobile preferred)
 - d. Time in, and time out
6. Hand sanitiser at the counter.
7. Only two people per aisle at any one time.
8. I strongly suggest that where possible aisles are made one-way to decrease contact between people.
9. Clean up in accordance with enclosed AIRS correspondence.

Any people involved with church or an Op-Shop must be briefed before anything can commence so that they are across all of the requirements.

I encourage everyone to hasten slowly as it is important that we do this right, not rushed. If you need to wait an extra week to get everything right then that is preferable. Remember that live-streaming and pre-recording of services is still an option.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Registry.

With prayers and best wishes,



The Right Reverend Keith Dalby
Bishop of The Murray