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To all Clergy, Secretaries and Diocesan Councillors

COVID-19 Update 24

Information re Mount Gambier City, District Council of Grant and Wattle Range Council Increased Restrictions

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many of you will have heard that as of 4:00pm yesterday, Monday 4th October, the Local Government Areas of Mount Gambier City, District Council of Grant and Wattle Range Council are under Level 3 restrictions with some additional restrictions. While the rest of the state will remain at Level 1 restrictions for the time being, I have written specifically to our brothers and sisters in the Mount Gambier and Millicent/Penola Pastoral Districts, and we should be mindful of the situation and keep them in our prayers.

Restrictions for Mount Gambier City, District Council of Grant and Wattle Range Council

- The density requirements will return to 1 person per 4 square metres for all defined activities, including church services.
- There will be no singing by the congregation or a choir. There can be a soloist/cantor so long as they are well removed from the rest of the congregation.
- Private activities (including weddings and funerals) have been capped at 10 people within a non-residential premises.
- Gatherings at home will be limited to the residents plus 2 additional people.
- People must seated for the consumption of food and beverages.

Everyone should continue to follow the procedures in place for their specific COVID-Safe Plans, particularly around COVID Marshals and COVID SAfe Check-in and Contact Tracing. Continue wearing masks in all indoor public places, including our worship spaces, and any high risk settings. Attempt to maintain a physical distance (1.5m) from people you don't regularly associate with and follow the other Covid-safe principles as well – washing or sanitising your hands regularly and staying home and seeking testing if you are feeling unwell. Also consider getting vaccinated to help protect yourself and others around you.

With prayers and blessings,



The Right Reverend Keith Dalby
Bishop of The Murray

