

14 April 2022

To all Clergy, Secretaries and Diocesan Councillors

COVID-19 Update 31 – effective from Midnight Thursday, as we enter Good Friday

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

One of the greatest spiritual griefs during Covid-19 restrictions has been the cessation of the Common Cup. I am content to allow the return of the Common Cup as from Easter Day with the following conditions;

1. Parish Councils must do a Risk Assessment and provide risk mitigation information.
2. Such Risk Assessment and proposed mitigation to be sent to me for final approval.
3. Parishioners are to be reminded that it is permissible to receive Communion in one kind only if they so choose.
4. Include an obvious note in the Pew Bulletin noting that the Common Cup is available and that Communion in one kind is still permissible if a person is concerned.

Other changes to COVID-19 regulations are as follows:-

- **NO QR Codes required**
- **NO Density limits**
- **Physical Distancing** - No Requirement in churches and public activities - Strongly recommended where possible.
- **Masks** – No Requirement in churches and public activities - Strongly recommended in crowded spaces.
NB: Individual choice should be supported for those who wish to maintain this practice.
- **Singing** – all restrictions eased, including choirs
- **Music** – all restrictions on wind instruments and bands eased



- **Movement** – all restrictions eased (movement as part of worship, multiple worship leaders, use of aisle, dramas, choirs, dancing)
- **Hospitality** – all restrictions eased as long as good infection control is in place

RESTRICTIONS remaining in place for High Risk Health Settings, for pastoral visiting and Spiritual Care support.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all every blessing for a joyous, safe and Holy Easter.

With prayers and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol followed by the name 'Keith' and a stylized flourish.

The Right Reverend Keith Dalby
Bishop of The Murray