

Parish Proactive Approach to Coronavirus

- We decided that our parish should be proactive, even though there are no reported cases of coronavirus in our parish at this moment.
- Last weekend at our parish Masses we cancelled the reception of the Chalice at Mass. Only the celebrant will receive from the chalice. This will be reviewed periodically.
- A parish coronavirus reference group is being formed.
- On Monday this week, we cancelled the shaking of hands at Mass during the Sign of Peace.
We say the words of the peace and offer a smile. This will be reviewed periodically.
Since Tuesday we temporarily discontinued Holy Water in the font inside the front door of the church.
- Beginning early this week at the bottom of the home page of our parish website is a link to the Australian Health Department daily coronavirus alerts.
www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com
The direct link to the department is
www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert
- Our reference group will review developments and how they would be applied to parish life.

Updates will be in our parish newsletter and social media.

We are exploring other ways of communication as well.

Thank you for your understanding.

Fr Gerry Hefferan
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