

Parish Coronavirus Reference Group

Update 2, 5 March 2020

Dear Parish Members,

It is important to be proactive as a community.

There are no reported cases of coronavirus in our parish at present.

But with the spreading coronavirus in Australia, we enacted further parish protocols last weekend and on Monday and Tuesday.

Our parish reference group meets this week to discuss further changes.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane on March 2nd issued an 'Update on COVID-19'.

This can be read at ... <http://bit.ly/ArchdioceseBrisbane02032020>

This update can also be seen in our Church and Parish Centre.

The Catholic Bishops of Australia, in consultation with Catholic Health Australia and our National Office for Liturgy on March 4th has issued

'National advice on liturgical implications in light of coronavirus (COVID-19)'.

This is available to read at ... <https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new/2258-national-liturgical-advice-on-coronavirus-covid-19/file>

Margaret wrote to Ministers of Holy Communion about changes put in place last weekend, and I spoke at Masses on the weekend and weekday Masses.

Margaret will contact our Ministers of Holy Communion with additional liturgy protocols this week.

The two local Catholic Schools and St Joey's OSHC are part of the consultation process. Protocols for parish ministries will be forwarded as they are updated.

Further changes will be explained this weekend at Masses.

Thank you to our Parish Pastoral Council for being proactive.

Thank you to the parish family for your understanding.

Fr Gerry Hefferan

5 March 2020

