



St. Cuthbert's  
Yarrowonga

# Yarrowonga Anglican Parish

41 Piper Street, Yarrowonga

Centres at Yarrowonga & St James



St. Thomas's  
St. James

## PASTORAL LETTER DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC, No. 16

24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parishioners,

We are now able to worship in the Church Building in numbers that make sense for us in this parish. So we will resume worship services at St. Cuthbert's this Sunday at 7.00am and 10.00am. St Thomas's will resume Sunday week, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30am.

We can have up to 55 worshippers plus the Priest, a Server and a musician, in St Cuthbert's and up to 12 worshippers, plus the Priest at St Thomas's.

*There are several things to take note of though and as it has been 9 months since we were in the buildings for Sunday worship, I set the points out here.*

1. It is important that EVERY WEEK, every person who wishes to come to worship needs to let Fr. Neil know (via text, email, or phone call) that they intend to attend and which service that will be.  
This is so we do not end up with having to turn people away at the door because there are too many already inside.
2. Every person must register that they have come to church on the day either by recording this on a form provided or by using a QR Code via their smartphone.
3. Face Masks **MUST** be worn indoors.
4. **SANITISE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE BEFORE TOUCHING ANYTHING**
5. We will try to use the date projector for most of the service but hard copies will be available for those who have difficulty reading the screen.
6. Seating is subject to the 4sqm rule, i.e. individuals must be seated 1.5m apart (except for people from the same household, BUT, there must be 1.5m between the nearest people not in a household).
7. The Offertory will not be collected in the service, worshippers are asked to place their Offering in the Bowls at the Communion Rail as they come into Church.
8. No handshakes/hugging
9. Communion is in one kind only.
10. Congregational singing indoors is ruled out for the time being (Singing is permitted outdoors).
11. Refreshments after worship are still not permitted at this stage, this may change soon.  
ALL CUTLERY AND CROCKERY MUST BE WASHED IN THE DISHWASHER in order to disinfect according to standards.

In order for us to be able to cater for more parishioners, I encourage some 10 o'clockers to come to 7 o'clock if they can. I know it is an early start and I among many others will find it a jolt to be ready by 7am again.

Peace to all.

*Neil Hicks*

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