



**Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn**

**Updated Archdiocesan Protocols
COVID 19**

Effective Friday 13 November 2020

ACT Parishes Only

Numbers for Masses, Weddings, Funerals, Liturgies

- Apply one person per **4m² rule** for inside gatherings
- Maximum number of people at Mass, inside or outside gatherings, is 500 people.

Comments

- Because of size, parish churches will not be able to have 500 people
- Measure the Church to determine the maximum number of people permitted utilising the 4m² rule
- Most Churches will be able to accommodate around 100 people
- For **outside gatherings** up to **500 people** is permitted, applying **2m² rule**.

COVID 19 Plan

- Availability of sanitiser is essential
- Register of participants at each gathering is essential
- Holy Communion only under the species of bread
- Holy Communion to be received only in the hand
- No touching at the sign of peace
- Collection plates not to be passed around
- Families can sit together, but in relation to other persons/families apply 4m² rule when inside or 2m² rule when outside
- Singing is possible, respecting 4m² rule inside or 2m² rule outside, people facing the same direction.

Vicar General

11 November 2020



Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

Updated Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19

Effective Friday 23 October 2020

NSW Parishes Only

Mass Numbers

- Apply one person per 4sqm² rule.
- Maximum number of people at Mass, inside or outside, is 300.

Comments

- Most parish churches will not be able to have 300, since Churches are not big enough.
- Measure the Church to determine the maximum number of people permitted utilising the 4sqm² rule.
- Most Churches will be able to accommodate around 100 people.

Weddings

- 150 people or one person per 4sqm² whichever is the lesser.
- Children count towards the capacity limit in places of worship.

Funerals

- 100 people, or one person per 4 sqm² whichever is the lesser.
- Children count towards the capacity limit in places of worship.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

- All parishes are to register a *Covid-19 Safety Plan*.
- Visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/form/covid-safety-plan/places-of-worship>

Vicar General
22 October 2020