

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

*Together we grow to reflect the face of Christ...*

We are glad to be able to physically gather and worship as a community around the table of the Lord. However, we must adhere to the guidelines and precautions put in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of every faithful in St Mary's Northcote. The following guidelines are given for Sunday Mass celebrations:

1. Please stay at home if you are unwell or feeling sick.
2. Practice proper hygiene. Regularly wash your hands and sanitise them upon entry into the church.
3. Check in with our church volunteers at the entrance for contact tracing and scan the QR codes. If you do not have the government app, please register with our volunteers.
4. Follow the directions given by our church ushers who would guide you to your seats.
5. Maintain physical distancing of one (1) metre with people outside your bubble.
6. At the sign of peace, respectfully greet each other. No hugging, no kissing or shaking of hands. A simple bow or wave of acknowledgment would suffice.
7. For Holy Communion, wait for the ushers to tell you when to queue along the aisle. Remember to again sanitise your hands.
8. At the end of the Mass, please wait for the ushers to lead you out of the church.

Although it is not a requirement, we encourage you to wear a mask or face covering when you come to church.

For the next two weeks, we will have no singing at Mass. Holy Communion would be in one species.

Thank you for all your patience.

Let us not stop praying to God to help us in our fight against the pandemic and overcome our daily struggles in life. Let us continue to be kind to one another, loving each other as Christ Himself loves us.

Fr Lio

Fr Marchellino

And the Pastoral Team of St Mary's Church Northcote