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Covid 19

Dear Everyone,

Last night I sent you the Catholic Bishops' letter outlining Alert level 2 and Alert level 3 procedures.

With the alert level 2 restrictions in place for the diocese of Palmerston North I am asking that you proceed with their application and continue to do so if required after Friday of this week. I have outlined again (below) the liturgical restrictions under Alert level 2.

- Track and Trace required - please use the Government app or sign in on the sheets at the front of the churches
- Hand sanitising on entering the church
- Only 100 people allowed at each Mass and all other Church gatherings
- Social distancing rules apply
- Communion under one kind - hosts
- No communion on the tongue
- A gesture of peace at the Sign of Peace
- Holy water fonts removed
- No bringing up of the gifts
- Collection of money arranged in a safe manner

I have also forwarded to you the instructions for setting up a QR code for church buildings using the GOVT Tracing App.

The canonical obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (August 15) does not apply at this time.

If the situation worsens, and we are directed by the Bishops' Conference or Cardinal Dew to suspend Masses on weekdays and Sundays I ask you to accept this. In this instance, we will offer online services again or refer you to the televised Mass on Shine TV at 2pm Sunday afternoons. (Freeview channel 25 Sky channel 201.)

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