



## MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH COVID SAFE PLAN

### **Hygiene Requirements:**

Face coverings must be worn indoors by Victorians aged 12 years and above unless a lawful exception applies.

Minimise prolonged face-to-face contact.

Avoid sharing of food and drink (does not apply if catered in accordance with COVID safety regulations).

Where possible, enhance airflow (opening windows and adjusting air conditioning).

### **Sanitizing and Cleaning:**

Hand sanitiser stations in church entrances and St Mary's Hall.

Ensure surfaces are cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Cleaning and disinfection of any shared equipment or furniture between groups (where use cannot be avoided).

Practice good hygiene – Sanitize hands.

After each service sanitize the pews or furniture used with the sanitizing napkins provided in the churches/buildings.

Musical instruments must be wiped with a disinfectant wipe between uses.

### **Physical distancing:**

Physical distancing for Fully Vaccinated: Indoors DQ4. Outdoors DQ2. Cap of 500. Unknown Vaccination Status: Indoors & Outdoors cap of 30. DQ4

Configure areas and apply density quotients (in churches and buildings).

Consider installing barriers.

Avoid carpooling where possible (unless with members of same household).

### **Record keeping:**

Using the Victoria QR Code all people who enter the churches and church halls to enter their names and phone numbers for contact tracing purposes or a contacting tracing register for names and phone numbers. This includes ALL visitors, employees, contractors, clergy, volunteers, and parishioners.

All staff and volunteers must provide proof of COVID Vaccine.

**Religious Gatherings/Ceremonies/Visits:**

Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Mass (Unknown Vaccination Status: Indoors & Outdoors cap of 30. DQ4.)

Sunday 9.00 am Mass (For Fully Vaccinated: Indoors DQ4. Outdoors DQ2. Cap of 500.)

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 6.00 pm Bonnie Doon (Unknown Vaccination Status: Indoors & Outdoors cap of 30. DQ4.)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11.00 am Jamieson (Unknown Vaccination Status: Indoors & Outdoors cap of 30. DQ4.)

Weekday Masses Tuesdays to Fridays 8.30 am (For Fully Vaccinated) 9.30 am (Unknown Vaccination Status)

Funerals Fully vaccinated: Indoors DQ4. Outdoors DQ2. Cap of 500. (Caps not inclusive of those necessary to conduct funeral)

Unknown Vaccination Status: Indoors & Outdoors cap of 30 mourners. DQ4. (Caps not inclusive of those necessary to conduct funeral). Pall Bearers must be from the permitted number of mourners or from the Funeral Service provider.

Weddings Fully vaccinated: Indoors DQ4. Outdoors DQ2. Cap of 500. Unknown Vaccination Status: Indoors & Outdoors cap of 30 people per wedding. DQ4. (Caps not inclusive of the marrying couple plus those necessary to conduct wedding) Community (Parish) Facilities Fully vaccinated only: Indoors DQ4. Outdoors DQ2. Cap of 500

*For all the above children under 12 months old are not counted towards caps.*

Visits to Bindaree and Buckland Care Facilities and also Mansfield Hospital are subject to facility Guidelines. Only fully vaccinated are permitted to visit homes.

Under no circumstances should anyone having symptoms, awaiting a COVID-19 test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

If any cases get detected use the contact tracing details to notify others, including DHHS and WorkSafe, close the office, parish and parish facilities. The Archdiocese to be notified as well.