



**Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn**

Archdiocesan Protocols

COVID-19

NSW & ACT Parishes

Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions by NSW and ACT Governments

1. *Density Limits* are terminated:
 - a. Please ensure all pews in Churches are now available.
 - b. Please ensure all signage on floors, indicating social distancing, is removed.
2. *Check-In* is terminated.
3. Masks are **no** longer mandatory for liturgical and parochial gatherings (beginning Friday 25 February 2022).
4. Masks are still required for hospital visitation, aged care visitation, home visitation to the sick, and some school settings (check with primary and high schools).
5. Choirs and singing recommence.
6. Reception of ***Holy Communion***:
 - a. Sacred Host only, **not** the Precious Blood (to be reviewed in the coming months after feedback is received).
 - b. Communion in the hand and on the tongue (re-instated).
7. Holy Water fonts can be used.

Note: Masks can be burned and ashes used for Ash Wednesday!

Vicar General
23 February 2022