



Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

Archdiocesan Protocols

COVID-19

NSW & ACT Parishes

1. Mask are **mandatory** in both the ACT and NSW in all indoor spaces:
 - a. The celebrant removes the mask as he begins the Liturgy up until the distribution of Holy Communion, when it **must** be worn. It is removed again for the Purification, Prayer After Communion and Final Blessing. It **must** be worn for the procession out.
 - b. Lectors remove their mask when proclaiming the Word of God, prayers of the faithful, etc.
 - c. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) wear masks when distributing the Sacred Host.

2. **Music** is permitted and encouraged to enhance the Liturgy, but **not singing** until further notice:
 - a. If the choir is sufficiently distanced from the congregation, then **prudent** judgement **can permit** singing by choir only.

3. Reception of **Holy Communion**:
 - a. Sacred Host only, **not** the Precious Blood.
 - b. Communion in the hand only, **not** on the tongue, until further notice (due to the highly contagious nature of the latest variant of COVID-19).

Vicar General
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