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St Benedict's Corona Virus Update

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Dear brothers and sisters

the Corona Virus crisis continues to grow, with new cases in Canberra overnight, we need to increase our vigilance.

As of yesterday **Churches have been closed for all gatherings** (see Archbishop's latest message).

St Benedict's is hoping to **stream at least Sunday Mass from the Church or Collins Wing**. If you have gifts in the area of Live Streaming please contact the office or Fr Dan. Daily Mass can be found online.

The Church will remain open for Funerals with just immediate family, and for individual prayer, indeed this is a time to increase our prayer life especially at home.

People are asked not to enter the Church if they show any flu symptoms or are unwell or are frail or have low immunity. Please consider this wisely with your family. If you enter the Church please observe the highest level of hygiene especially washing hands thoroughly or using hand sanitizer. Please observe social distancing in the Church, do not touch others or have conversations in the Church.

Usual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has stopped but we hope to start a new prayer campaign as soon as we can ensure the cleanliness of the Church and the proper training of Adorers. A new message about Adoration will be posted here and via parish email and the Adorers WhatsApp group asap.

If you wish to be on the **parish email list** please request by sending an email to Narrabundah@cg.org.au

If you would like to continue your **Planned Giving** or **make a donation to St Benedict's** you can do so via direct transfer. Please contact the Office for details.

If you have particular prayers please contact the parish office and we will pass on to our **online Intercession group**.

At this stage the **Parish Office will remain open with normal hours**.

If you need anything, even a just a chat, call us on 62396772, and remember Lifeline, Headspace for young people and the other Services can be really helpful.

Fr Ken has provided some **guidance on prayer** during this time (see attached).

May **Lent** also encourage us to fervently turn our hearts and minds to the Lord and to pray for all those who have died, sick, fearful, and searching for answers, and for all who are caring for them.

Be assured of our love and prayers in the MGL.

Fr Dan Benedetti MGL PP
