



Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please find attached updated protocols regarding the CoronaVirus (COVID-19), as of 18th March 2020.

These attachments are:

- A prayer I have written for our people during these anxious times.
- Protocols for our people, especially suitable for bulletin notices and announcements in forthcoming days.
- Notes and protocols for priests, deacons and pastoral associates regarding the regulation of the Sacraments and gatherings during these times.
- Some possibilities regarding liturgical resources.

We all understand that these times are and will become most difficult for our people.

Whereas we will totally abide by government regulations, at the same time, we want to reassure our people of the Church's closeness to them in the tough times ahead.

With the good Lord's blessing and healing, I know that the pastoral zeal and practical charity of so many in the diocese will blossom. Let us keep a particular loving eye out for those most in need of reassurance at this time.

I will update you again once with pastoral protocols when further government regulations are made known.

Be assured of my prayers and every encouragement to you and your communities.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Catholic Archbishop of Canberra Goulburn

Apostolic Administrator of the Wagga Wagga Diocese.

18th March 2020