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## **CORONAVIRUS– DIOCESAN & PARISH UPDATE**

### **ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA LOCKDOWN**

**7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

The snap lockdown announced today affects the Parishes of Armidale and Guyra and the churches in these parishes will be closed and there will be no public Masses until the lockdown ends.

Further, the stay at home orders for Greater Sydney now apply to anyone who lives in the Armidale Regional Council local government area or anyone who visited this area since 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021. These orders are to be followed until 12.01 am Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

This means that any priest who visited Armidale during this time is now bound by the stay at home orders. Check with your local parish if this means there is an impact on Masses.

Parishioners are encouraged to access livestream Masses.

Archdiocese of Sydney: Live Masses - Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney ([sydneycatholic.org](http://sydneycatholic.org))

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

The stay at home order detail can be accessed at [Greater Sydney restrictions | NSW Government](#)

Sadly, this also affects Deacon Damien Locke's ordination to the priesthood. Damien and I are discussing the possibilities and will inform what is decided in due course.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Michael Kennedy  
Bishop of Armidale