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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

The announcement today that lockdown has been lifted in parts of regional NSW applies to all local government areas which have seen zero COVID19 cases for at least 14 days. This applies to all LGA's in our Diocese except Narrabri and Walgett where stay at home orders remain in place.

The key points are:

- i. The lockdown is lifted at 12.01am Saturday 11th September, 2021
- ii. The ongoing restrictions which will apply are:
 - a. Up to 5 **visitors** will be allowed in a home
 - b. Up to 20 people can **gather** in an outdoor setting
 - c. **Schools** will reopen with Level 3 COVIDSafe measures in place
 - d. Up to 50 guests can attend **weddings**
 - e. Up to 50 mourners can attend **funerals**
 - f. **Churches** can open subject to the one person per 4 square metre rule with **no singing**.
 - g. **Masks** remain mandatory for all indoor public venues including churches and you must still have the QR code sign in facility.

The Cathedral Livestreaming Mass will no longer occur on Sundays.

Please join me in praying for the people of Narrabri and Walgett that they soon will also be COVID19 free.

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Armidale