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PARISH ROADMAP UPDATE

70% REOPENING ROADMAP FOR 11TH OCTOBER, 2021 TO 80% VACCINATION RATE

- Churches which are not in a Local Government Area (LGA) with a current stay at home order can remain open - there are no LGA's in the Diocese with stay at home orders at the time this update
- From 11th until the 80% fully vaccinated rate those 16 years of age or over must be fully vaccinated to enter churches
- There will be QR code check in and a written option for those who need it
- Social distancing is required at 4m²
- Masks must be worn by those over 12 years of age
- Hand sanitising should continue to be done
- Parishes will take reasonable steps to ensure compliance to the Public Health Order

SINGING DURING MASS

- Singing is not permitted by congregants
- There may be a sole singer if they are fully vaccinated or a choir of up to 10 people at Mass who are:
 - All are fully vaccinated
 - socially distanced from each other
 - are separated from the parishioners

WEDDINGS

- There may be up to 100 guests subject to density limits for the church based on the 4m² rule
- HOWEVER there is a 5 guest limit if there are not fully vaccinated guests present
- Singing is not permitted by guests
- There may be a sole singer or a choir of up to 10 people at the wedding who are:
 - all fully vaccinated
 - socially distanced from each other
 - are separated from the guests

FUNERALS

- There may be up to 100 mourners subject to density limits for the church based on the 4m² rule
- HOWEVER there is a 10 mourner limit if there are not fully vaccinated mourners present
- Singing is not permitted by mourners
- There may be a sole singer or a choir of up to 10 people at the funeral who are:
 - all fully vaccinated
 - socially distanced from each other
 - are separated from the guests

EMPLOYEES

- Staff working in regional areas require proof of one vaccination with a second dose booking before the 1st November, 2021 to continue attending their workplace
- If they do not have one vaccination, they must work from home if this is reasonably practicable for them to do their work from home
- Other employees may continue to work from home, if reasonably practicable.

COMPLIANCE

- The Diocese, Parishes and clergy will comply with all relevant Public Health Orders
- For the health and safety of all concerned, parishioners are encouraged to comply with all relevant Public Health Orders

MASS LIVESTREAMING

- Livestreaming the 10.00 am Cathedral Parish Sunday Mass will occur during this period. The link to access this will be provided prior to each Sunday on the Diocesan webpage and Facebook page
- People who are not fully vaccinated are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation during this period