

25th March 2020

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Dear parishioners,

Greetings of peace and good health to everyone. This is a time of great difficulty for the world and the Church. But we know that God is ever present in us.

In the light of the government restrictions regarding "Covid 19", we at Sts. Mary and Joseph Cathedral and the whole diocese of Armidale needs to comply for the safety of everyone and to help the "frontliners" in flattening the curve of the rapid spread of the virus. Today, the safest place is to be at home.

The Parochial Pastors at the cathedral including the bishop will continually offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at a particular time and please be assured that everyone's prayer and intentions are being offered.

Measures and recommendations from the Priests' Council as well as the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference (ACBC) are being followed as well as the government rules and regulations. At this time, everyone is encouraged to pray at home.

Liturgical ceremonies especially for Holy Week is being mapped out. Leaflets and bulletins will be available at the parish office outside wall for pick up as well as online materials will be provided. Live streaming of Mass and liturgies is now being organised and it will be available at the soonest. Links will be available at the parish Facebook page and website as well as the Armidale diocese website. As this phenomenon is new to all of us we at the parish is trying to do anything to provide information and services that are needed.

Rest assured that you are all in our prayers. Take care and be well.

May God bless us all.

In Christ through Mary,

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