

Parish life under 'Orange' in the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North

Dear Parishioners,

Firstly, on behalf of the priests, parish leadership team, and the administration staff we would like to thank you for your patience.

We know that this has been a difficult time and we recognise that this pandemic has affected the lives of so many people - not just those in our wider community but those in our faith community. We continue to keep them in our prayers as we journey through this pandemic.

In light of the announcements from the government on Monday, and in line with the guidelines issued by the New Zealand Catholic Bishop's Conference (NZCBC), the leadership team has gathered together, prayed, and discussed how our Masses will look under this new framework.

We recognise that this may not be the ideal, as we would love for everyone to attend Masses with no restrictions, limits and guidelines, however we are entrusted to do so. Despite these restrictions, we are extremely thankful to still be able to celebrate Mass as a community albeit in a limited capacity. We are extremely thankful as we know that there are other parts of the world who have not been able to gather for a long period of time to celebrate the Eucharist, and in this regard we are indeed blessed.

Whether you are able to provide a My Vaccine Pass or not - the Mass will still be accessible to you, but this may be at different times than what has been offered in our parish, outside of the pandemic.

These Sunday and Daily Mass times are, of course, temporary. As we try to offer the sacraments safely to everyone, this is a solution in light of the framework issued by the government and the guidelines issued by the NZCBC.

Please continue to be kind, and to act always in charity, especially as we roll out our revised Mass Schedule under this new framework. As our Lord commanded us, "love one another as I have loved you."

You will find in this communication everything you need to know regarding Masses under this COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Light System).

Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office, or priests, for any queries or concerns.

God Bless,



Fr Rick Loughnan
Parish Priest

On behalf of the priests, leadership team and the administration staff.

Sunday Masses (all at Christ the King Church)

From the weekend of the **4 & 5 December**, there will be Masses **with** a My Vaccine Pass offered, as well as Masses where a My Vaccine Pass is **not** needed.

MASSES WITH A MY VACCINE PASS

For those Masses where a My Vaccine Pass is required, there will be **no restrictions** in numbers and **no need for social distancing**. We continue to **encourage that masks are worn** during Mass, as well as in the foyers as you interact with fellow parishioners.

You can take off your mask when we are singing (if you feel comfortable in doing so) during Mass but ask that you put your mask back on when moving around and leaving the Church.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO FOR A MASS WITH A MY VACCINE PASS?

As there are no restrictions, you don't have to register. You just have to turn up to Mass.

When you get to Christ the King Church, please do the following:

- Mask up,
- Show your My Vaccine Pass to a staff member,
- Sign in (using the App or fill out a slip of paper),
- Use hand sanitiser.

MASSES WITHOUT A MY VACCINE PASS

We know that there are our brothers and sisters who do not have a My Vaccine Pass, and this can be for whatever reason. Masses without a My Vaccine Pass is open to **both** vaccinated and unvaccinated - as we will not be asking for vaccination status. However, these Masses will be restricted as per the framework. Under the 'Orange' traffic light, these Masses are restricted to a maximum of **50 people**.

Even though we will not be asking you to show your My Vaccine Pass, you will be required to register for Mass to make sure that we are not over the 50 person limit. You are able to register for this Mass via the Christchurch Diocesan Website, visiting the **parish website**, or phoning the office.

At these Masses social distancing is required and mask wearing is strongly encouraged.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO FOR A MASS WITHOUT A MY VACCINE PASS?

- Register for Mass (this opens on Wednesday 5pm and close on Friday 2pm each week) by visiting the parish website,
- Mask up,
- Sign in (using the App or fill out the slip of paper),
- Use hand sanitiser.

WHY ONLY ONE MASS?

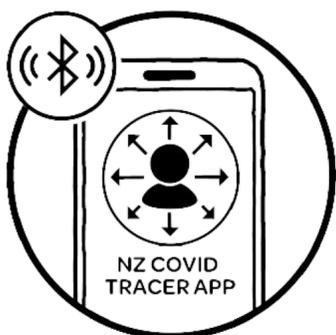
This weekend we will only be offering one opportunity for Mass without a My Vaccine Pass, but we are open to offering more if the need arises. If you cannot get to a Sunday Mass, please know that our **7am Daily Masses** are Masses without a My Vaccine Pass. Please see next page for more information.

WHY CHRIST THE KING CHURCH?

Having our Sunday Masses at Christ the King Church ensures that the cleaning of the hard surfaces between Masses are sufficient. The soft pews and kneelers at St Gregory's makes cleaning to an acceptable level difficult. Christ the King Church is also the largest Church in our parish, thus able to accommodate more people, especially at Masses where there are no restrictions.



Show your



Sign In

MASSES WITH A MY VACCINE PASS

All at Christ the King Church

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 5pm

MASSES WITHOUT A MY VACCINE PASS

At Christ the King Church

Sunday: 7pm

Daily (Weekday) Masses

Beginning on **Monday 6 December**, we will begin our new Daily Mass Schedule. Just like our Sunday Masses, we will be offering Masses for those with a My Vaccine Pass, and Masses where a My Vaccine Pass is not needed.

DAILY MASSES WITH A MY VACCINE PASS

For those Masses where a My Vaccine Pass is required, there will be **no restrictions** in numbers and **no need for social distancing**. We do **encourage that masks continue to be worn** during Mass, as well as in the foyers as you interact with fellow parishioners.

These Masses will be celebrated at St. Gregory's Church, Bishopdale.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO FOR A DAILY MASS WITH A MY VACCINE PASS?

When you get to St Gregory's Church please do the following:

- Mask up,
- Show your My Vaccine Pass to a staff member,
- Sign in (using the App or fill out a slip of paper),
- Use hand sanitiser.

DAILY MASS WITHOUT A MY VACCINE PASS

Just like our Sunday Mass for those without a My Vaccine Pass, we are limited **50 people**. However, we will not be requiring people to register for these Masses as we believe we will not be exceeding these limits.

Alongside social distancing and the strong recommendation to wear a mask, we ask that you sign in either using the NZ Covid Tracer App or by filling in the slips of paper found in the foyer of the Church.

Please note that these Masses will be celebrated at Christ the King Church, and unlike our normal Mass Schedule, Adoration does not follow 7am Mass.

WHY USE TWO DIFFERENT CHURCHES?

We are using St Gregory's Church for the 9:15am & Noon Masses because we are able to verify parishioners' My Vaccine Pass as our offices are there. We ask that you follow the same procedures listed under the Sunday Mass with a My Vaccine Pass section.

For our daily Mass without a My Vaccine Pass, we are celebrating this at Christ the King Church because of the reasons explained on the previous page regarding cleaning. With the hard surfaces at Christ the King, we are able to make sure that we are sufficiently cleaning between Masses.

What about Reconciliation on Saturday Morning?

We have yet to decide how Reconciliations are celebrated under this framework. We will let you know once a decision has been made.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 6 DECEMBER.
The Masses at St Gregory's Church on Friday 3 December and Saturday 4 December will be celebrated under the Masses without a My Vaccine Pass.
Reconciliation that follows on Saturday will be celebrated without a My Vaccine Pass.



Mask up



My Vaccine Pass



DAILY MASSES WITH A MY VACCINE PASS

At St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale

Monday - Saturday

9:15am & Noon

DAILY MASS WITHOUT A MY VACCINE PASS

At Christ the King Church

Monday - Friday

7am

Christmas Masses in the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North under the framework

Thanks to the announcement on Monday, we have a sense of certainty that we may stay in 'Orange' over the Christmas Period.

Here is our Christmas Mass Schedule for this year.

ALL THESE CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BE MASSES WITH A MY VACCINE PASS

CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL) MASSES FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER

Christ the King Church, Burnside

5 pm Children's Nativity Play & Family Mass

8:30 pm Mass (8 pm Carols)

Midnight Mass (11:30 pm Carols)

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale

5 pm Children's Nativity Play & Family Mass

8:30 pm Mass (8 pm Carols)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER

Christ the King Church, Burnside

9 am

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale

8:30 am

11 am

We have yet to decide the Christmas Mass Times for Masses without a My Vaccine Pass but will let you know via email, bulletin, parish website and social media.

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