

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Following direction from the Bishop Philip and the Bishop's Council we have had further guidance as to how to proceed regarding precautionary measures during the Coronavirus situation.

In brief, until further notice we will be:

- Removing the Holy Water from the stoups at the door.
- Suspending the physical sign of peace (a nod and a smile goes a long way).
- Asking all parishioners to receive the host in the hand only.
- Suspending Communion from the chalices.
- Suspending all catering (teas and coffees etc) at all parish gathering (including refreshments after Mass.)
- The collection plate is not to be passed around at the Offertory.
- We ask that you put your offering in the bag as you leave Mass
- collectors will be in the porch.
- We have been asked to suspend the use of 'shared' hymn books, so the hymns for Sunday Mass will be printed on page three of the newsletters until further notice (please take and **keep** your newsletter and do not replace it on the pile at the end of Mass).

### **Respectful advice to the elderly and those with weakened immune systems.**

The advice to all elderly, those with weakened immune systems and long term conditions to refrain from large parish gatherings and remain at home. The public veneration of the crucifix on Good Friday will be either genuflecting or bowing before the crucifix and not kissing or touching it. We will be: Disinfecting all door handles before and after services. Thank you for your cooperation in enabling us to follow the directives. We currently have hand sanitiser in the Church and if you have your own small bottle of sanitiser then please feel free to bring it with you. Lastly, if any cases of Coronavirus are confirmed in our local areas or if anyone from our

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