

St Mary's Church Papakura is delighted to be recommencing Masses under the modified Level 2 guidelines which allow gatherings of up to 100 people, commencing for us with our Saturday vigil Mass this weekend.

To cater for as many people as possible, **an additional Sunday Mass** will be held as an interim measure.

Mass Times

Sundays: Saturday Vigil – 5pm, Sunday – 7.00 am (new time), 8.30 am and 10.30 am

Clevedon: No Mass until further notice of venue opening.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday – 9 am (from Monday June 1) Saturday 8.30am followed by Reconciliation 9.00 –10.00.

Meeting our obligations under Level 2

1. Parishioners are asked to email or phone the parish office – Ph 299-6056 or office@stmaryspapakura.co.nz and have their names added to the Mass they would like to attend. A register of attending parishioners will be generated for each Mass, capped at the 100 person maximum. If your preferred Mass is full, please indicate an alternative Mass so we can fit you in if possible.
2. As parishioners arrive at Mass they will be signed in and their contact details obtained.
3. Parishioners are asked to arrive no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled start time, to allow time to sign in. If you are late, we will have to allocate your place to anyone who has turned up without putting their names on the list and is willing to wait.
4. Entry will be by one door only, at the foyer entrance, to manage gathering of names, and signing in.
5. Families must give the names of people in their group who will be attending, to ensure they are counted.
6. Families may sit together, but all others must be separated within the church, at least one metre apart, to maintain social distancing.
7. The church has dispensed with the Sunday obligation for Mass attendance for now, so anyone who can attend a weekday Mass is encouraged to do so, to free up places for others to participate in a Sunday Mass.
8. Please use the sanitizer at the door of the church before entering.
9. The same provisions apply as before the lockdown: i.e.
 - a. Communion in the hand only
 - b. No communion from the cup
 - c. No shaking of hands at the sign of peace.

Church Cleaning – After each Mass the church will need to be cleaned prior to the next service. Please indicate when signing up, whether you can stay for 10 – 15 minutes after the Mass to help with the cleaning. We hope for 6 – 8 people to carry out this function.

Hospitality. We are also looking for three volunteers at each Mass to welcome people.

We are so sorry that such strict measures have been required, but we cannot risk breaching the regulations in place, as this would see us shut down and unable to offer any Masses at all.

We appreciate your cooperation as we get under way with gathering as a faith community again!

Baptisms: Families may arrange with the priests for baptism. At this stage only one family per baptism as the water needs to be renewed each time.

Fr Peter Murphy

Parish priest, Papakura.