



# Catholic Diocese of Sale

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Dear Fathers, Deacons, Rev Sisters, Parish Staff,

Further to my email last night I wish to, again, highlight that in the Diocese of Sale, metropolitan Melbourne includes the City of Casey and Cardinia Shire Council Local Government Areas (LGAs).

The Stage 3 Restrictions will be in place until 11.59 pm on Wednesday 19 August 2020 (six weeks), meaning there are only **four** reasons for people in these restricted areas to leave home:

- shopping for food and supplies
  - medical care and caregiving
  - exercise and recreation
  - work and study, where this can't be done from home.

In addition, there are only **three** reasons to **cross the border** into, or out of, these areas:

- shopping for food and supplies
- medical care and caregiving
- work and study, where this can't be done from home.
- Please respect these restrictions and urge your parishioners to do the same.

During the coming six weeks under no circumstances are Diocese of Sale Parishes in the non-restricted areas to book and register Mass goers to their Masses who reside in the restricted area of metropolitan Melbourne, which includes residents of the City of Casey and the Cardinia Shire. To do so will in fact be undermining, and in some cases, breaching government restrictions. Sadly, parishioners from the restricted areas will not be permitted to attend Masses in the unrestricted areas.

Please note that religious gatherings, such as Baptisms, that are booked for our parishes in the restricted areas are **not permitted** to be moved to another of our parishes in the unrestricted area.

\*\*\* The only exception to these guidelines is for weddings and funerals where celebrants and/or participants (adhering to the restricted numbers) are permitted under the guidelines to travel into or out of a restricted area to attend.

Also we are aware that police will be carefully checking traffic coming in and out of the restricted areas.

As disappointing as these restrictions are, we have to follow the guidelines for the good of all.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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