



# Diocese of Armidale

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## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE– NUMBER 38**

### **80% REOPENING ROADMAP MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021**

My Lord, Monsignor, Fathers & Deacons,

Now that the 80% fully vaccinated rate being has been reached, the requirements under the NSW government roadmap have again changed.

#### **CHURCH ENTRY**

- Entry to churches is open for both fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated
- QR code check in is still required and an alternative written sign in option
- Social distancing is required at 4m<sup>2</sup>
- Masks are required inside the church but not outside

#### **SINGING DURING MASS AND AT WEDDINGS & FUNERALS**

- Singing is not permitted by congregants but there may be a sole singer if they are fully vaccinated or a choir of up to 10 people who are: fully vaccinated and socially distanced from each other and are separated from the parishioners

#### **WEDDINGS & FUNERALS**

- Attendance is unlimited but subject to density limits for the church based on the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule HOWEVER there is still a 5 guest limit for weddings and a 10 mourner limit for funerals if there are not fully vaccinated persons present

#### **EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS**

- Staff and volunteers who are not fully vaccinated are to wear a mask at work.
- Employees may continue to work from home, if reasonably practicable.

#### **LIVESTREAMING MASS**

- Livestreaming the 10.00 am Cathedral Parish Sunday Mass will not continue.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Michael Kennedy  
**Bishop of Armidale**