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Dear Diocesan Family

... we have been flooded with information and regulations, understandably some confusion, and forgetfulness reigns amongst us too!

But let me summarise here for our information and action the following clarifications and directions:

UNLESS we hear authoritatively and constitutionally to the contrary the following guidelines apply, in conjunction with all the existing protocols of COVID-19.

(1) MARRIAGES in CHURCH

Marriages may now be solemnised in Church with a maximum of 50 (fifty) people present.

(2) FUNERALS in CHURCH

We return to a level of "normality" in that all Clergy with the Bishop's License, irrespective of age may conduct at FUNERAL.

This is my guidance until we are advised authoritatively otherwise.

I also advise that Clergy over 70 years should not avail themselves to officiate at public liturgies in the Church.

(3) AGE in GENERAL

Following guidelines given by Bishop Margaret in the Diocese of False Bay, I also wish to say as she does:

All are welcome, Young and Old.

But remember that ALL PEOPLE of ALL AGES with underlying medical conditions are at risk and should not attend the public celebration of the Liturgy.

These conditions are:

- Cancer
- Chronic Kidney disease
- Weakened immune system
- Obesity
- Serious heart condition
- Type 2 Diabetes

The Elderly should be encouraged to stay at Home and receive the Sacrament in their Homes from the Clergy and Lay Ministers observing the COVID-19 health protocols, e.g. wearing mask, keeping distance and giving communion in one kind (only BREAD).

(4) BAPTISMS

Baptisms may now take place in Church.

You may baptise more than ONE Baby/Child at a time as long as the TOTAL NUMBER of People attending are NOT MORE THAN FIFTY (50).

Baptisms may take place at any time or day of the week. It does not have to be in the context of the Eucharist.

If more than ONE candidate is to be baptised, the WATER in the FONT needs to be changed for each

4.1 Signing with Holy Oil

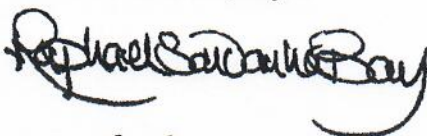
Signing/Anointing with the Oil of Baptism must be done with a cotton bud/cotton wool, and be disposed immediately.

(5) THE SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION – NEW DATES to be arranged

Please have a conversation with Lizel about a Date for a Service of Confirmation, noting that the Service will also be bound by the COVID-19 protocols with only 50 persons present.

I will be willing to come to Parishes more than ONCE and ON WEEKDAYS to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

With love and prayer



+Raphael