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ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY'S NEWSLETTER



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OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN

After a long Lent in which we have experienced severe restrictions upon our worship, as well as many other parts of ordinary life, there is at last Easter light.

From today in New South Wales, churches are able to be open for Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, private and communal prayer, as long as no more than 10 people are in the church at once and that we collect contact details of those attending. To make this easier, and to ensure your privacy is maintained if you are going to confession, we have set up a once-off, online register where you can record your contact details and the parishes you usually attend. Visit [MassRegister.com.au](https://www.massregister.com.au) and register now.

I know your priests have missed having you in your churches, and will be delighted to see you return. Your Bishops have missed you too, and we wrote a joint letter to you all this week. You can read it [here](#).

With only 10 people allowed at any Sunday Mass, the dispensation for Sunday Mass attendance will continue. You can still keep Sunday holy by setting aside time for prayer at home, reading the

Scriptures, watching Mass on television or online, and asking God for the graces you would normally receive in Holy Communion.

Holy Mass is our highest form of worship and I know that not being able to physically attend Mass and receive the Eucharist has been a struggle for you. While it will take some time to return to larger celebrations, I hope this first step will offer some comfort and hope during these difficult times. I have asked your priests to be generous in making Masses and confessions available; I ask you to be patient with them as they try to meet your needs.

We have just finished a week-long meeting of the Australian Bishops, conducted using Zoom for the first time. We decided that it is a providential time to reconsecrate the country to the care of Our Lady. This will occur on 25 May, the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia and you will find below more information about this special occasion.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians intercede for you and your loved ones.

+Anthony Fisher, OP

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