



# COVID 19 Diocesan Protocols Effective 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

1. **If you are unwell, stay home.**
2. **Singing** - Permitted.
3. **Maximum Attendance** - No capacity limits. Social distancing is encouraged.
4. **Hygiene Practices**
  - a. Face masks are optional and encouraged when social distancing is not possible.
  - b. Sanitisation of hands before entering the church, hall, prayer room, is recommended.
  - c. Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to wear masks while distributing Holy Communion.
  - d. Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to purify hands with sanitiser before and after distributing Holy Communion.
5. **Eucharist**
  - a. Holy Communion may be received in the hand or on the tongue.
  - b. Sacred Host to be offered only, not the Precious Blood.
  - c. Touching at the sign of peace is permitted at the congregant's discretion.
  - d. Offertory processions are permitted.
  - e. Collection plates are permitted.
6. **Baptisms**
  - a. Priests and Deacons to wear masks during the Baptism.
  - b. We continue to apply Holy Oils with a cotton bud.

**Most Rev Mark Edwards OMI**

Bishop of Wagga Wagga