

St Mary's



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Dear St Marys Community,

The following motion was moved and approved by parish council at our meeting this week.

"Motion: To remove the requirement to wear masks at church from 6pm, 26 March 2021. Those who feel safer wearing mask at church may continue to do so. "

This motion was considered in light of the reduced restrictions on mask wearing by the State Government, and the information provided by the Department of Health that there is currently no cases of COVID-19 in Victoria, and none being detected in various mass testing sites (sewers, etc).

What this means for the you is that you will no longer be required to wear a mask, but we absolutely encourage you to wear one should you desire.

We will also be adjusting some of our Holy Week practices to ensure that we worship in ways that remain COVID safe. On Maundy Thursday, we'll be washing feet with warm soapy water, and using a fresh towel for each person. On Good Friday, those who wish to venerate the cross will do so from a distance, instead of holding or kissing the cross as has been done in previous years. For the foreseeable future, we'll continue to take communion in one kind and refrain from handshakes and hugging those outside our immediate families at the greeting of peace.

Parish Council continues to monitor the situation around COVID-19 and will respond in a way that we feel is best for the parish.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks
Sam

