

Suggestions for Gathering for Eucharist Under Alert Level 2

Gathering: Greeters at the church door, with tables in foyer so that parishioners can either drop their contact details in a basket, or fill in the contact tracing forms, and scan the QR code if there is one. Ushers may offer direction towards the available pews, with families/households able to sit together, remembering the distancing markings on the pews.

Sacristy: If possible only the sacristan enters the sacristy.

Ministers: Consider having just one Reader and one Leader. The ministers can be seated in a position at the front of the church, so they can easily fulfil their ministry. Only one minister of communion for an aisle. In some churches this may mean only the Presider distributes Holy Communion.

Choirs/Singing: At this Alert Level there will be no choirs or singing. If musicians are available, they may provide background music

Leader: Before the procession, the Leader will welcome and give any guidance required for the Mass.

Procession: Only the Presider will process to the Altar.

Liturgy of the Word: The one reader will proclaim the two the Readings. If possible, the Responsorial Psalm could be projected onto the screens, and the verses be said alternatively by the right and left side of the church. The Gospel will be proclaimed by the presider.

Offertory: Don't pass around the offertory baskets - the collection is best taken up at the end of Mass when ushers can stand near the church doors for parishioners to place their contributions/ envelopes in baskets as people leave. There will be no offertory procession, rather the gifts will have been placed on the credence table prior to the Mass and the presider will prepare the altar.

Distribution of Holy Communion: Everyone will come forward row by row, keeping the social distancing 1m requirement. Communion will only be available under the form of the Host, and only to be received on the hand. Minimize people passing one another going to and from communion which may mean one side of the church will follow when the other side has finished receiving.

Rite of Dismissal: After the post communion prayer, the leader will give any notices and remind us that we are to leave row by row from the back (or wherever is closest to the door/s) and leave the church immediately remembering the need for distancing.

Cleaning: Door handles and pews will be wiped down and the toilets cleaned after each celebration.