

Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

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Dear Parishioners

COVID-19 IN THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH

Last Saturday, 5th March, I was notified by the Canterbury District Health Board, that on the weekend of 26/27 February, a person who attended one of the Masses was infectious with Covid-19.

I have been advised that there is nothing we need to do at this stage as we have been following the Covid-19 guidelines for places of worship.

In being notified of this case it is a reminder to us all of what is required of us, as we play our part in making sure we do all we can to prevent the transmission of Covid-19.

As there is now widespread transmission of Covid-19 in our community each of us needs to take extra precautions especially while the number of Covid-19 cases are so high.

I would ask you please to once again take note of the following measures, when attending one of our parish churches, that can reduce the risk of infection:

- **If you have a cold or are not feeling well, please stay at home and do not come to Mass; if you are able to you can “attend” Mass online**
- **If you have any Covid-19 symptoms, please get tested**
- **Please make sure you register for the Mass you wish to attend on a weekend. The Diocese keeps a record of the names of those who have registered.**
- **You must attend the Mass you have registered for and you cannot turn up, for example, to a No Vaccine Pass Mass if you are vaccinated.**
- **Please continue to show your My Vaccine Pass prior to entering the church and please make sure you either use the Covid tracer app or record your contact details manually**
- **It is highly recommended that you wear a mask regardless of which Mass you are attending. If you are not wearing a mask and have an exemption, you could wear your exemption card. Those attending the No Vaccine Pass Mass are encouraged to wear a mask**

- Physical distancing (bubbles to stay separate) and good ventilation (open doors and windows) are highly recommended

If you are aware of any parishioner who may be needing support at this time would you please contact Joanne Hope, Co-ordinator of Pastoral Care: pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz

With best wishes and blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Head" followed by a horizontal line underneath.

*Father Peter Head sm
Parish Priest*