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20th September 2020

Dear Parishioners

With the easing down of levels and our move to Level 1 of the lockdown, we continue to thank God for His mercy and protection. The Archbishop Buti Tlhagale has provided communication around the guidelines of what needs to happen going forward with regards the church activities and we are guided by this.

With effect from the 27th September 2020, parishes can open doors for the public celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with maximum of 250 people inclusive or 50% of the normal capacity of the church. We also need to take into consideration the 1,5m distancing guidelines.

CATECHISM

RCIA and other faith formation programs at the parish may resume in the New year of 2021, except for the First Holy Communion Class and Confirmation class of 2020 that needs to receive the sacraments this year, can resume immediately.

- **Further details will be communicated by the Catechist Co-Ordinator.**

BAPTISM AND CONFESSIONS

May resume, adhering to public health hygiene and protection of those particularly vulnerable to COVID19 and allowing **no more than thirty (30)** people at a baptism ceremony.

- **Communication on the Baptism of infants will be communicated in due course, kindly visit our social media platforms for further details.**

Sacrament of Confession:

Robertsham: Saturday: 10h00 to 12h00

Saturday: 17h00 to 17h45

Booysens: Sunday: 07h45 to 08h20

MEETINGS

Meetings of PPC, PFC or other leadership committees, solidarities and ministries can resume as per the “new normal” and may not exceed fifty (50) people. COVID 19 guidelines to be adhered to.

FUNERALS

Are permitted as per the directive of the government, with the restriction of 100 people allowed in the CHURCH, except for COVID19 related deaths, where the corpse does not enter the church building due to serious hygiene reasons.

Taking the above into consideration, please note the following:

Maximum number of people that can attend each mass, taking into consideration the social distancing

Robertsham : **72**

Booyens: **25**

MASS TIMES (which are to be strictly one hour)

Weekday mass -Robertsham

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday : 08h30 **(To resume from November 2020).**

NB: The Wednesday Novena mass at 18h00 will no longer take place.

Robertsham: Saturday 18h00

Sunday: 08h00

Sunday: 10h00

Sunday: 12h00

NB: The Sunday 18h00 mass will no longer take place.

Booyens: Sunday 8h30 **(To resume on the 4th October 2020)**

All these times take into consideration that there needs to be an hour between mass times to allow sanitization of the church to take place.

Mass bookings will continue, to ensure that we do not exceed the stipulated numbers.

These are to be done on Google form, which will be posted on /can be accessed from our social media platforms:

- **Website:** www.stjohnbosco.org.za
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/stboscorob>
- Mass will be streamed to our YouTube page
<http://bit.ly/StJohnBoscoRobertshamYoutube>

The following COVID-19 MASS PROTOCOL to be always adhered to:

1. Parishioners to please arrive 30 minutes before Mass starts, this is to allow for registration and taking of the temperature.
2. Only Parishioners who have booked for Mass are allowed in the church.
3. Kindly report to the COVID-19 station at the entrance of the church.
4. Have your temperature taken and recorded.
5. Sanitize your hands.
6. Masks must always be worn.

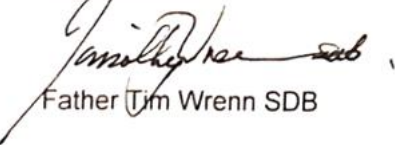
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7. Ushers on duty will show you where to sit.
8. The gates will be closed 10 minutes before Mass starts.
9. Kindly familiarize yourself with all the COVID-19 posters displayed.
10. Place all paper towels and tissues in the bins provided.
- 11. If any member of the family is or has been ill with the flu or stomach ailments, PLEASE STAY AT HOME.**
12. Parishioners with **COMORBIDITIES¹** and the **SICK** are strongly advised to stay at home.

[¹COMORBODITY is the presence of one or more additional medical conditions often co-occurring or co-existing with a primary condition. In the context of COVID19 it refers to existing chronic diseases that could put people at higher risk of developing complications if they are infected with the Coronavirus]

Thank you for your understanding and your kind cooperation in this regard.

Yours in Christ


Father Tim Wrenn SDB

