

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters

The latest news and information from the Diocese.

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Archbishop Philip's video for this week

The link for this week's video message is [here](#)

YouTube services

We continue to upload a Diocesan Eucharist service each week to <https://www.youtube.com/AnglicanMediaMelb>

JobKeeper: important condition

Employers/parishes are not allowed to demand the 'top up' under JobKeeper to be returned to the parish. That is illegal.

Stipend changes

If a parish or cleric wishes to reduce stipend or days paid, please speak with your bishop. The cut off is the 15th of the month for the next month's pay run.

Resources

A new e-book, *The Distanced Church*, edited by Heidi Campbell, can be found [here](#).

A link to a recorded Resilience webinar can be found here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xyCUEgQ4R6yM20SkizjF9Q.



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epray

Broughton Publishing is offering a three-month free subscription to "epray" for Melbourne parishes in the COVID crisis. Any parish not already subscribed and wanting to take up this offer can email: [click to email here](#).

Youth ministry

Brian Holden, the new Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator, invites anyone involved in youth ministry to a lunch zoom meeting. Please pass this invitation to the person responsible for youth ministry at your parish.

May 5, 12.30pm

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJllcOCtqjlqE9aUIGcgWy1y-tLGSk6HFV9j](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJllcOCtqjlqE9aUIGcgWy1y-tLGSk6HFV9j)

May 14, 12.30pm

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApdO-spz4tGdIJdbh-My2qLpSh9YRZLyf](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJApdO-spz4tGdIJdbh-My2qLpSh9YRZLyf)

Please register in advance, after which you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting.

eSafety Commission webinars

The eSafety Commission is running free webinars on child protection and online learning. Please see link [here](#) which includes details of various other resources.

Diocesan ministry conferences

The diocesan ministry conference scheduled for 9-11 September this year cannot proceed as planned. We continue to liaise with the venue and conference managers regarding our contractual position. At this stage, we are keeping open whether there are Episcopate conferences next May/June or simply a day gathering.

Parish op shops

Parish op shops remain closed to public trading. However, [click here](#) for ways parish op shops can provide material aid to vulnerable people in partnership with established welfare agencies. There are also guidelines for cleaning, sorting stock and online trading.

COVID-19 and family violence webinar video

Crises like COVID-19 create additional risks for people experiencing family violence. [Click here](#) to watch the *COVID-19 and Family Violence* webinar recording and find out how to safely provide pastoral care to people in our church communities and where professional support is available.

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Richard Trist (Ridley College) and Youna Kim (Eastern Domestic Violence Service) provide expert advice and answer questions to help church leaders and communities think about what they can do.

Questions are included in [this link](#) so that you can get a group together in your church to discuss this further.

This webinar is part of the [Preventing Violence Against Women Program of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne](#).

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,
Archbishop Philip & bishops.

