

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters

The latest news and information from the Diocese.

The Archbishop's weekly video

"Longing for God", this week's video, is found [here](#).

Masks

We recommend clergy and communion assistants wear masks for distributing communion and for home visits. In celebrating communion, please remember not to speak over uncovered elements.

Other languages

Some materials for restrictions in various languages can be found [here](#). For questions on restrictions, please contact Bishop Paul.

Church online

Please check our website list of parishes with online access and, if incorrect or out of date, please advise Kathleen: kabrahall@melbourneanglican.org.au.

Annual meetings and parish electoral rolls

We have been asked again about annual parochial meetings and electoral rolls. We encourage generosity in reviewing the parish electoral roll before the annual meeting. We hope that a brief synod meeting on Saturday morning, October 17, will pass legislation enabling annual meetings to be deferred into early next year and potentially to meet online.

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Victorian Government Business Support Fund – Expansion

Business Victoria has announced that businesses within metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire that are affected by the return to Stay at Home restrictions may be eligible for a one-off \$5,000 grant under the [***Business Support Fund - Expansion***](#) programme. At this stage, we believe that parishes will be eligible to apply and are investigating how we can supply parishes with the evidence they need to accompany their applications. We will provide further information by the end of next week to allow time for parishes to complete the application process by the closing date of 19 August 2020.

Children's programme

St Alfred's North Blackburn ran its holiday programme online recently and is making it available for any children and families as a gift to the diocese. You can access the parish website from [***here***](#).

Clergy holiday flats

The clergy flats in Point Lonsdale and Cowes can only be used by clergy or others who are not in the stage 3 restricted area. If you are in the restricted area and have a booking during this time, please call the office to cancel or alternatively email to [***holidayunits@melbourneanglican.org.au***](mailto:holidayunits@melbourneanglican.org.au).

Wellbeing Zoom seminar

Sleep Hygiene Workshop for Clergy and ASLMs led by Anna Johnson. Wednesday, July 29, 12 noon -1pm. See [***here***](#) for details.

Beyond Blue

A poster from Beyond Blue for help during lockdown is found [***here***](#).

Diocesan crisis relief grant

The first round of applications for this grant are due by Monday, July 20, to the Registrar, Malcolm Tadgell ([***registrar@melbourneanglican.org.au***](mailto:registrar@melbourneanglican.org.au)). Full details of requirements for applying can be found [***here***](#).

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,



Archbishop Philip Freier

