

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters

The latest news and information from the Diocese.

Apologies for further updates, but a few things to add:

Electronic signatures

Work permits can have electronic signatures. [here](#) is a YouTube guide for doing an electronic signature. Another option is found [here](#). However, you can sign manually and then scan to your bishop.

Send volunteer work permits to Registry

Please send a copy of completed work permits for volunteers and other staff to registrar@melbourneanglican.org.au for our records.

Filling in the work permit

Please complete the work permit carefully. We have received many that are incomplete, so to help you, common mistakes are as follows:

- You need to fill in employee details
- You need to add in employee work location
- You need to sign it before sending in.
- Fill in the hours of work, using either table A or B. Do not put your hours of work in the Example line. Two examples are below to help you. The first table is for full time work and the second is for part-time or casual.

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All weeks	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<i>[Example only]</i>	8.30– 5.00	8.30– 5.00	8.30– 5.00	X	8.30– 5.00	X	X
3 Aug 2020 – 13 Sep 2020	10.00– 5.00pm	10.00– 5.00pm	10.00 – 5.00pm	10.00– 5.00pm			10.00 – 5.00pm

		Rostered / scheduled work times						
Week	Commencing	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	<i>[Example only]</i>	11.00– 5.00	X	8.30– 6.00	9.00– 5.00	9.00– 5.00	10.00– 6.00	X
1	3 Aug 2020	9.00– 3.00		9.00– 3.00	11.00– 1600			
2	10 Aug 2020	9.00– 5.00		9.00– 5.00				
3	17 Aug 2020	9.00– 5.00		9.00– 5.00				
4	24 Aug 2020	9.00– 5.00		9.00– 5.00				
5	31 Aug 2020	9.00– 5.00		9.00– 5.00				
6	7 Sep 2020	9.00– 5.00		9.00– 5.00				

Permitted Workers with Childcare

Late last night the government introduced another form for those needing childcare. It is the same work permit, but with an extra box for childcare in the Employee section. Please use this form found [here](#) if you need childcare. (Copy information from the form we sent yesterday into the relevant boxes.)

Questions on work permits or restrictions can be directed to Bishop Paul:
bishoppaulbarker@melbourneanglican.org.au.

Let's Stay Connected Grants

Further to the advice in our Diocesan COVID-19 Update of 29 July 2020, the Victorian Government has established the *Let's Stay Connected Fund* to provide grants between \$5,000 and \$200,000 to support community-led initiatives that build connection, reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and can be implemented quickly.



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The relevant government department has advised us that an application can include multiple projects/project components that total a maximum of \$200,000, and that they will likely not support the same organisation more than once. Consequently, the diocese proposes to make a single application, which includes multiple components from across the diocese. Christ Church Brunswick has offered to coordinate the preparation of the application. Please contact Robyn White at robynwhite51@inet.net.au if your parish or authorised Anglican congregation has a project that you would like to include in the diocesan application that will be lodged by the Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation.

Wellbeing resources

Sam Dylan Finch has written a helpful article, entitled How 'Anticipatory Grief' May Show up During the COVID-19 Outbreak. It can be found [here](#).

'Disenfranchised Grief' is the experience of loss that may not be recognised, either by the person or by others. This article is a helpful reference to disenfranchised grief during this pandemic. Find it [here](#).

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip Freier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'P'.

Archbishop Philip Freier