

# 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

"The pilgrim journey", this week's video, is found [here](#).

### JobKeeper 2.0 information for parishes and locums

The JobKeeper scheme will now run until 28 March 2021. Based on the recent survey, MADC will meet the entity eligibility requirements for the December 2020 quarter. MADC will conduct another survey in early 2021 to establish employer eligibility for the March 2021 quarter.

JobKeeper 2.0 has two tiers of payments and lower rates in the December 2020 and March 2021 quarters:

Employee Eligibility Requirements	Period		
	To 27 September 2020	Extension 1: 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021	Extension 2: 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021
Wage condition – eligible employees with an average of 80 hours or more per 28 days before either 1 March or 1 July 2020.	\$1,500 per JobKeeper fortnight	\$1,200 per JobKeeper 2 fortnight (Tier 1)	\$1,000 per JobKeeper 2 fortnight (Tier 1)
Wage condition – all other eligible employees	\$1,500 per JobKeeper fortnight	\$750 per JobKeeper 2 fortnight (Tier 2)	\$650 per JobKeeper 2 fortnight (Tier 2)

Clergy and employees who were eligible under the JobKeeper 1.0 remain eligible and there is no further action required by the parish or staff at this time.

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New employees who began after 1 July 2020 are not eligible for JobKeeper, and locums should continue to advise when their periods of ministry come to an end by emailing [jobkeeper@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:jobkeeper@melbourneanglican.org.au) so that we may advise the ATO that they are no longer eligible for JobKeeper.

We will write to each eligible JobKeeper employee to advise them which tier they fall into based on the employee eligibility requirements shown in the table above. It will have no impact on most as their wage exceeds the minimum fortnightly amounts shown. In these cases, only the JobKeeper subsidy paid to the parish will be reduced to the new lower fortnightly rates. However, for those few individuals whose wage is less than the fortnightly minimum shown, their JobKeeper top-up payment will be reduced.

If parishes require clarification of which tier of payment each of their clergy or employees will attract, please email [jobkeeper@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:jobkeeper@melbourneanglican.org.au) for this information. JobKeeper payments will continue to be passed on to parishes in full.

### Synod 2020 reminder

As previously advised, Archbishop in Council has decided that synod will not be convened until the State of Disaster has been lifted and it is clearer what gatherings are permitted by law. We do not expect a synod session until 2021 but will communicate in good time when this is clearer. Reports to synod will be made available to synod representatives in October or November 2020.

### Wellbeing webinar

Bishop Kate Prowd and the Rev'd Dr Wendy Crouch will lead a webinar on Self-Care in Ministry for all clergy and ASLMs on Wednesday, 11 November, 2pm – 4pm on zoom. In the context of the usual demands of ministry, and their heightening by the COVID-19 pandemic, this webinar will apply both psychological and spiritual understandings in helping those taking part manage their varied professional and personal stressors.

Please RSVP to Nicole Tyrrell ([ntyrrrell@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:ntyrrrell@melbourneanglican.org.au)) by Friday, 6 November, and she will send the zoom details.

We remind you that diocesan information and resources related to the pandemic are on the diocesan [website](#) under four main headings: online church, wellbeing, resources for ministry and mission, diocesan information.



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Questions or concerns about restrictions, work permits or annual meetings can be directed to Bishop Paul: [bishoppaulbarker@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:bishoppaulbarker@melbourneanglican.org.au). Please avoid asking other staff in order to save their time.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

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

Archbishop Philip Freier