

MEDIA RELEASE

23 March 2020

All Masses suspended

In response to the Prime Minister's announcement last night relating to the COVID-19 crisis, all Masses and liturgies are now suspended, and Church buildings have closed as of midday today.

Parishioners can practice their faith and remain connected by visiting the Catholic Diocese of Cairns website at <u>www.cairns.catholic.org.au</u> and following the home page link. The 10 am Sunday Mass is now live streamed from the Bishop's House Chapel on the Diocese's YouTube channel. The diocesan YouTube channel will also broadcast Morning Prayer (9.00 am) Midday Prayer (noon) Office of Readings (3 pm) Evening Prayer (5 pm) Mass of the Day (5.30 pm) followed by Night Prayer of the Church at 6 pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be streamed at all other times during the day and night.

To read along with the Prayers of the Church during the streaming, please visit: <u>http://universalis.com/index.htm</u>

For more liturgical resources during this time, parishioners can visit the Malanda Millaa Millaa Parish site at http://rcp-mmm.org.au/links/

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