

People In Our Parishes - Frequently Asked Questions

Stage 4 restrictions apply to all Melbourne Metropolitan Parishes and will be enforced from 11:59pm on Wednesday 5th August 2020...

What is considered an essential service in a Parish?

Activity	Essential?	Notes
Livestreaming Mass	YES	Maximum of 5 people - must have permits
Funerals	YES	Limited to 10 mourners
Visitation of the Sick	NO	Home visitations are not permitted unless for grave reasons

Do volunteers need to have a permit?

Yes, the volunteer must obtain an approved work permit before attending the parish facility or relevant location.

Volunteers undertaking community services such as picking up food supplies from parishes for delivery to those in need, may do so ensuring it is done in a contactless manner and abiding by all government regulations.

What are the consequences of not following the Government requirements?

From 11:59pm on Wednesday August 5th, employers that require their staff to attend a work site must issue a worker permit to their employees - this is the employers responsibility. **The parish is considered an employer.**

Can the parish secretary work from the Parish office?

All parish staff must work from home.

Can the cleaning staff continue to clean the Parish?

As parishes may continue to host funeral services and conduct mass for broadcasting purposes, it is reasonable that these areas will need to be cleaned to ensure health and



safety obligations are met. This however, is only the case in parishes that are livestreaming mass and funerals take place.

Can the gardener continue to work at the Parish?

Gardening and grounds maintenance will only be permitted where it prevents or addresses some hazard (eg: removing a fallen branch from a footpath).

Where can I access more information?

Please read the DHHS updates for daily changes: click [here](#) to view.

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