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My dear parishioners

We have just heard some good news regarding the reopening of the Church, now that NSW has reached 80% double vaccination rate, of those over the age of 16.

Churches are now allowed to have public masses effective tomorrow. This includes those both vaccinated and non-vaccinated. There are different regulations for funerals and weddings.

St Brigid's Church will reopen for Sunday masses next weekend.

The delay in opening St Brigid's is mainly to ensure that proper preparation is done to ensure we have proper restrictions in place for not just mass, but all other pastoral ministries in accordance with the NSW Health Regulations.

Attendance will be limited to 150 people per mass as the 4sq metre social distancing rule is required at this time. Online bookings will be necessary for Sunday masses and bookings will be open on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October.

The parish team will meet on Tuesday to discuss the practicality of reopening and communicate once again with you all, if required.

You can expect that Sunday masses on the weekend will resume as we had before the last lockdown. This will be 5pm Vigil on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 8.00am on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October (livestreamed), 10.30am, and 6pm.

During the weekdays, you are all welcome to attend our livestreamed masses at 9am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. No bookings required for weekday masses but you will need to record your attendance.

Thank you for your understanding. Please continue to pray for us.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on the weekend.

With Peace,

**Fr. Erick Niyiragira CP**

Parish Administrator

