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Dear friends of St Brigid's family,

All of us would like to see our church re opened and our people able to worship together however, we must firstly consider the safety of our Passionist community and all of our parishioners.

Unlike other parishes, our Passionists live in a community and therefore the risk of exposure would have more serious consequences than in a parish where there is only one priest.

We feel that being such a large community and the fact that we are only allowed to have 10 worshippers in the church, would lead to great disappointment and possibly anger among our people and cause stress on the parish team as they decide who would be able to come in.

At this present time the very strict rules around sanitizing, cleaning after each person, collecting of names and social distancing within the church would make opening the church unmanageable and add a layer of stress and anxiety on our Parish team.

We would ask that you continue to use individual and family prayer and remember that Jesus said "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am in there".

We will continue to provide spiritual nourishment via our online masses and reflections.

This decision has not been taken lightly and will of course be reviewed in keeping with advice and recommendations from NSW Health.

God willing, Covid19 will soon become a thing of the past and the church - the people of God - can once again come together in celebration and thanksgiving.

God bless you and keep you safe and well

With Peace

St Brigid's Parish Team
Liturgy Committee
Parish Pastoral Council co-chairs
Passionists Provincial.