

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Parish Leaders, Leadership Teams, Parish Staff

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FROM: Fr Andrew Doohan VG

DATE: 01/08/2020

ATTACHMENTS: 0

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Requirement to Collect Contact Details – 1 August 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The NSW Government yesterday announced and foreshadowed changes to the current *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 4) 2020* ("the Order") as it applies to the collection of contact details required under the Order. As always, a copy of the Order in its current form can be found on the NSW Legislation website (www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).

The general requirements for the collection of Contact Details are as outlined in my previous memos, particularly that of 24 July.

Changes from 1 August 2020

Effective from 1 August, a Parish will fulfil the requirement to collect contact details of those entering a church building by being satisfied that a person required to provide their contact details has provided those details electronically with Service NSW. No details appear to be available at the time of writing about how this electronic registration of contact details might be undertaken. (*Clause 22(2A)*)

If a person registers their presence in a church building electronically, the Parish is not required to hold on to the contact details themselves, nor to provide those details to the NSW Chief Health Officer (as they will be available electronically). (*Clause 22(2B)*)

Changes from 6 August 2020

From 6 August, Clause 22 of the Order will be amended to simplify its structure and clarify the obligation of Parishes as the owner and occupier of church buildings to collect contact details, either directly or through ensuring registration electronically with Service NSW. The amendments will also clarify the responsibility of parishes for the storage of contact details collected directly.

I expect that further information about electronic registration options will become available before the foreshadowed changes that will take effect from 6 August. If required, I will send further communication around that time for the sake of completeness, and so that you are aware of any changes that might make parish life easier for all concerned.

Thank you for your continued commitment to your ministry during this time of pandemic.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Doohan", written over a light blue rectangular background.

(Fr) Andrew Doohan VG