

Memorandum

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

CC:

FROM: Fr Andrew Doohan VG

DATE: 26/03/2021

ATTACHMENTS: 1

SUBJECT: Exemption Granted for Singing

Dear Colleagues,

The Minister for Health and Medical Research yesterday granted an exemption to the requirements of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2021* to permit unrestricted singing in places of public worship for this weekend.

The exemption, a copy of which is attached to this memo, commences at the beginning of 27 March 2021 and will be revoked at the beginning of 29 March 2021.

All other requirements of the relevant Public Health Order remain in place.

If you have any questions about the above information, please contact me directly via mobile.

Regards,



(Fr) Andrew Doohan VG



Exemption under the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2021 (NSW) under the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)

I, Brad Hazzard, Minister for Health and Medical Research, under clause 43 of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2021 (NSW)* (the Order), hereby grant the following exemptions to that Order:

- 1) An occupier of premises that is a place of public worship is exempt from:
 - a. clause 6 of the Order, but only to the extent the clause requires compliance with the part of the COVID-19 Safety Plan that imposes restrictions related to singing in an indoor area; and
 - b. clauses 15 and 16 of the Order.

- 2) A person principally responsible for organising a religious service on premises other than a place of public worship is exempt from:
 - a. clauses 6 and 39 of the Order, but only to the extent that those clauses require compliance with the part of the COVID-19 Safety Plan that imposes restrictions related to singing in an indoor area; and
 - b. clause 15 of the Order.

This exemption commences at the beginning of 27 March 2021 and is revoked under s.43 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* at the beginning of 29 March 2021.

Note: an occupier of a premises must continue to comply with all other directions in the Order, including the directions in clause 8.

**Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Health and Medical Research**

Dated: 25th March 2021

1.58 pm