

Memorandum

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

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FROM: Fr Andrew Doohan VG

DATE: 09/09/2021

ATTACHMENTS: 0

SUBJECT: Continuation of Lockdown Provisions

Dear Colleagues,

The announcement this morning of the continuation of lockdown provisions for the Hunter and Manning regions was not really a surprise. Having reviewed the additional information released following this morning's press conference, it becomes clear that all the local government areas within the boundaries of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are included in the continuation.

At this stage, the current lockdown provisions would appear set to remain in place until at least the middle of October 2021, though there is some hope that individual LGAs might be released earlier if local circumstances permit. Without wishing to appear pessimistic, I think it would be prudent to plan to remain in lockdown until the middle of October.

Thank you for your ongoing care of the People of God and each other during these difficult times.

Regards,



(Fr) Andrew Doohan VG