



Together as One

**Parish of St Joseph's Helensville
and St Patrick's Huapai**

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Parish Update on Covid-19 Alert Level 4 Lockdown

Following the announcement on Monday, 13 September by the Prime Minister that Alert Level 4 lockdown is extended for Metropolitan Auckland until Tuesday, 21 September 2021 and the rest of the country to remain at Alert Level 2.

Yesterday, 14 September - after meeting with the Council of Priests, Bishop Pat issued a Pastoral Letter - Liturgy Protocols for Covid Delta Alert Level 2 for Auckland Diocese (see attached copy). With the slightly tighter restrictions for Covid Delta Alert Level 2:

There will be no Sunday Masses during Level 2.

Under Alert Level 4, All churches must remain closed.

With the above announcement by the Prime Minister and the liturgy protocols issued by the bishop,

We continue our **Zoom Mass every Sunday morning at 10:00am until we move to Alert Level 1.** This Zoom Mass is our opportunity to virtually gather together as a faith community to celebrate the mysteries of our faith.

I firmly believe that with our heartfelt desire to participate in our Eucharistic Celebration and by our united Act of Spiritual Communion during this Delta Outbreak – the Lord will bestow on us the same grace and blessing that He bestows when we gather physically inside the Church.

Regarding Weekday Mass, we will look at it before we move to Level 2 and I will keep you updated. At this time, let us continue to unite and use this lockdown time to pray together as one family for the protection of our families and our parish community from Delta Variant and that Covid-19 weakens and disappear from our country and the whole world.

Let us do our part in this fight against Covid-Delta - obey and follow the Ministry of Health Guidelines so we can move down to a lower Alert Level.

Again, this is a time to be more understanding, more caring, loving, kind and generous to our families, to our brothers and sisters in need. In Christ, the victory will be ours: "Do not fear, only believe!" (Mk 5:36).

Take care, keep well and stay safe.

Thanks and God bless

Fr Carlos Guleng
12:00pm, Wednesday
15 September 2021