

## A Message from the Pastor - 5 September 2021

As many of you know, we have been taping the celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday morning of each week for broadcast the next day, Sunday morning, at 11:00 a.m. I wish to repeat my gratitude to those who have so faithfully done the behind the scenes work which has permitted us to provide these broadcasts to you.

For a number of reasons, it now seems time to provide a live streaming of the Sunday Eucharist. That will mean a number of changes in how the 11:00 a.m. Mass unfolds, beginning on 12 September, and I wish to mention them, so that you will be comfortable with the change.

First of all, I wish to assure you that every effort will be made to maintain your privacy. It is possible that the back of your head might appear on the screen occasionally, but that is all. As well, no children will appear on the screen.

During Communion, which will be distributed at the regular time during Mass, a prayer and various photographs of the church interior and exterior will appear on the screen.

As you come forward for Communion, you are asked to approach the altar by the centre aisle, according to the direction of the ushers, maintaining appropriate social distancing. Those in the side pews will then receive Communion, also at the direction of the ushers. The last to receive will be those in the balcony.

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These changes for the reception of Communion will occur at all Masses, both weekend and weekday, beginning on the weekend of 12 September.

The presider will proceed directly from, and return directly to, the sacristy, without processing up or down the aisle. Parishioners are asked to observe social distancing as they leave Mass.

Copies of these guidelines are available at the entrances to the church and on the parish website to assist you.

I thank you for your cooperation and assistance, as we begin the next phase of adapting to the reality of the pandemic.

5 September 2021

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. Joe".