

Starting back with Masses – for vaccinated people

After such a long time, we are able to begin to gather again for Mass. The following information might be helpful for those unsure about what will be required as we come back.

Mass Times

- for vaccinated people: 6.30pm Saturday, 8.00am and 10.00am Sunday
- for people of unknown vaccination status: 5.00pm Sunday

Checking In

If you are coming to a Mass that is provided for people who have been vaccinated, you will need to show proof of vaccination or proof of medical exemption, when you come in. We are required by the State Government to sight that proof, either on your Services Victoria App or in hard copy. By hard copy we mean either your Government certified Vaccination Certificate or Immunisation History. For people with a medical exemption, we need to see the proof of exemption - a medical certificate from a CHO-approved medical practitioner, that is dated and current, that is within 6 months of issue.

1. How to add your COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate to your phone:

If you haven't yet downloaded your Vaccination Certificate onto the Services Victoria App, and if you are not sure how to do that, the following information may help:

You will find instructions if you search for Add COVID-19 Digital Certificate to Service Victoria App or copy and paste this link into your browser

<https://service.vic.gov.au/covid-19/add-covid-19-digital-certificate>

You will need to have a My Gov account to add the Vaccination Certificate to the App. Consider asking a family member or friend to help you if it seems too difficult. You will need to have proof of your vaccination (from now on – until we can all mix safely again), whenever you want to go to a café, to the church, to a meeting, to the doctor... in so many places.

2. How to show proof if you don't have it on a phone:

If you cannot or don't want to download your Vaccination Certificate on to your phone, the only other proof of vaccination that can be accepted is a hard copy of the Vaccination Certificate itself, or a hard copy of your Government certified Immunisation History. A letter from your doctor isn't regarded, by the Government to be enough, as this can be fraudulently obtained. Unfortunately, some people are seeking fraudulent means to obtain 'proof' and so the Government has had to set this restriction in place for what is accepted as proof of vaccination.

You can obtain a hard copy of your Vaccination Certificate or your COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate by calling Services Australia on 1800 653 809. It can take up to 14 days to arrive, so you might want to get onto that as soon as you can, in case you need it.

When you come to Mass you will see that we have QR Codes up on the windows of the church. We ask that to avoid queues inside the church, you scan the QR Code before coming in, using your Services Australia App. When you do this if you have the Vaccination Certificate downloaded onto the App, it will recognise you have been vaccinated and indicate this on your App. Don't close the App, so that when you come into the Gathering Space all you will need to do is show the COVID Marshal that you have successfully checked in and that you have been doubly vaccinated.

If you are not using the Services Victoria App, just bring the hard copy of your Vaccination Certificate or Vaccination History with you and we will help you register your attendance and check the record of your Vaccination. If you are exempt from vaccination just bring your letter of exemption, as we are required to sight it.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office on 9435 1543 or email Jacinta Bright, our Pastoral Associate at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au and we will do our best to help you.

We look forward to seeing you soon.