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Dear Parishioners,

Peace and Healing of the Risen Lord be with you!

As you are no doubt aware, due to social distancing requirements the celebration of public Mass has been suspended indefinitely by Decree of the Archbishop, His Grace Julian Porteous. During this time, the 10:30am Sunday mass will be live streamed each week via the Parish website and Facebook page.

The current pandemic situation has altered our lives in many ways, and in these challenging times, the primary focus of the Parish is on facilitating prayer, reflection and pastoral care for Parishioners while they are unable to attend Mass in person.

The Parish Finance and Maintenance Committee is meeting by teleconference regularly and is working to ensure the Parish remains financially sustainable throughout the immediate crisis and beyond. It is already evident however that the suspension of public Masses has and will continue to have a significant financial impact on the Parish, given a substantial portion of Parish income is derived from Planned Giving and the collection plate.

The Committee recognises that many people have been impacted financially by the crisis and as a result, some Parishioners may not be able to contribute. The purpose of this letter is to encourage those Parishioners who are in a position to assist to continue to make regular financial contributions to the Parish. In the current environment of social distancing, the Parish has preferred method of contribution is by direct payment to the Parish bank account: BSB 067 000 Account 10315740. Please consider making planned giving contributions regularly (weekly or monthly) in this way.

Yours in Christ,

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