



OPENING OF CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE OF KROONSTAD

Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious, Brothers and Sisters

I greet you with joy as I announce the opening of Churches in the Diocese of Kroonstad from the weekend of the 5th and 6th September 2020. The opening is in keeping with the Lockdown Restrictions of the Government strictly in place.

The Priests and the Parish Pastoral Council will be responsible to see that the restrictions are adhered to by forming tasks teams to organize every celebration to see that the restrictions are adhered to by forming teams to organize every celebration held in the Parish Church.

The following restrictions are:

- Only 50 people at any celebration
- A record of the name, ID, Cell Number and Signature of each person.
- Where possible the temperature, that must be around 36/37 degrees. Any person with reading of 38 degrees will not be allowed in the church and will be advised to see a doctor.
- In the Church there must be social distancing marked on the benches, masks used, hand sanitizer, church cleaned before and after every service.

All these must be strictly kept and controlled by the PPC.

How will the Parish see that because only 50 people are allowed at anyone celebration be organized with the size of people in the Parish. There could be two Masses on a Sunday. There could be a Saturday evening Mass that fulfils the Sunday Obligation. People could attend weekday Mass. The Parish could be divided into sections/ zones and the people attend Sunday Mass on a rotation basis. All these takes organization and I ask the people to understand and be patient.

What I would like the Priests and Parish to see is that Holy Mass, Baptisms, Funerals, Confessions take place. The Parishes who have candidates for Confirmation and children for the Church take place. All of these celebrations to be no more than 50 people. If there are more than 50 to divide the group and have to celebrations.

The children's Catechism should not take place because of the big number of children. Parish Pastoral Council Meetings, Finance Meetings can take place. Executive Members only of Sodalities/ Youth/ Choirs/ St Stephens and other groups in the Diocese could meet. But no full meetings of the above groups. Where these group meet at the Church all restrictions must be in place.

Diocese of Kroonstad

Tel: (056) 212 6639

Fax: (056) 212 7705

Email: bishop.krd@xsinet.co.za

P.O. Box 129, Kroonstad, 9500



There will be no Regional Family Masses for this year. What needs to take place is the Motjekelo. That only one representative of the Parish attends. It could be a Saturday or Sunday Mass.

I want to remind Catholics of the Diocese that the dispensation from attending Mass on Sunday is still in place. There is no need to attend Mass on Sunday due to the Restrictions and Covid-19. I ask all Catholics of the Diocese to cooperate with your Priests and Parish Pastoral Councils. The Coronavirus is still a great danger to us all. Keep the restrictions and stay safe. Let us pray and ask God to bring his healing love to the world. I keep you all in prayer.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

P. Holiday

Bishop Peter Holiday

