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Hello Everyone,

I would like to share with you a further message about our participation in Mass in view of government restrictions on gatherings.

Continuing Dispensation from the Obligation to Participate in Mass on Sundays and Other Holydays

Now that the government Covid restrictions have eased and we are able to have more people gather for worship, some have asked about the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and other holydays. I rejoice that we can now welcome more people into our churches to celebrate the liturgy. However, there are still limitations, such as the density quotient, and so we are not able to gather as fully as we would wish.

Until further notice, as long as there are government restrictions on gatherings, all Catholics in our Diocese of Ballarat will continue to be dispensed from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and other holydays. Those who may not be able to attend Mass on a Sunday or other holyday may still honour the day by personal prayer and perhaps by following a Mass online. I note also that there may be opportunities to participate in Mass on weekdays and I encourage everyone to do so when they can.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul