



# Archbishop of Wellington

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Dear Fathers and Lay Pastoral Leaders

Greetings and all good wishes in this Holy Week.

I hope that all goes well for you in the celebration of the Easter Triduum, and that despite the various COVID restrictions, it will be a wonderful and prayerful celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

It is possible that on Holy Thursday when the government reviews the COVID traffic light settings we may go from red to orange. If we are in red then nothing changes.

If we move to orange then there is no limit on either indoor or outdoor gathering numbers. We still need to be cautious, so masks should be worn for Masses, and there should be enough space so that people feel safe. The restrictions we have observed throughout the pandemic continue – communion on the hand only, contactless Sign of Peace and no holy water in fonts.

The virus spreads easily through the air, so there should be no singing. With no singing I encourage you to be creative in your use of music and silence. This may be an opportunity to make Easter very prayerful and contemplative in a different way.

With thanks to all of you during these challenging and different times we live in.

Yours sincerely in the Lord

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