



WELCOME TO COVID-SAFE CHURCH – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW –

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St Michael's Uniting Church is open for 10am Sunday Gatherings.

To keep everyone safe, we are adhering to the restrictions required by the Victorian Government.

What to do:

- If you're at all unwell, please stay home
- Arrive at the church between 9:30 and 9:45am
- Facemasks inside church are optional
- Enter via the corner of Russell and Collins St, or via St Michael's Walk
- Scan the QR code located at the entrances or sign-in with a St Michael's Welcome team member on entering
- Use hand sanitiser as you enter
- Observe 1.5m physical distancing from people not in your household where possible
- Follow an usher to your seat
- Sit in the seat allocated to you
- Don't move around before or during the service
- Savour the moment of gathering with old friends and new, as we are held in the Spirit's endless love; the Divine Presence with us in church and everywhere!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Do I need to pre-book?**
No. You can attend Sunday Gatherings without booking. You must scan the QR code on entry or leave your details with a Welcomer. Collection of your name and phone number is required by law.
- **What personal information do I need to give?**
In line with Victorian Government guidelines, we will collect names and phone numbers of everyone attending for contact tracing in the event of a suspected COVID-19 case. Your information is held for 28 days and will only ever be used for COVID tracing.

- **How do I leave my personal information?**

When you visit St Michael's, you must scan the QR code or check-in with a St Michael's Welcome team member to record your name and phone number. QR codes are displayed at all St Michael's entrances.

- **How to scan the QR code**

QR codes will be displayed at all St Michael's entrances; St Michael's Walk, Collins Street and Russell Street.

- To scan: open your smartphone's camera and allow it to focus on the code. The smartphone will then generally identify the code and indicate what to do next.
- If this does not work, you can download the Service Victoria app from the [Google Play Store](#) or [Apple App Store](#). Open the app and hold your smartphone so the QR Code appears in the viewfinder. Your smartphone will recognise the QR code and show a notification. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR Code
- Alternatively, a St Michael's Welcome Team member can collect your name and phone number on our sign-in form.

- **What measures and cleaning standards are you putting in place to keep the congregation safe?**

- Numbers attending worship are limited and everyone must observe safe physical distance.
- There is an additional cleaning schedule for surfaces and amenities and there are sanitising stations provided at the church.
- Offering plates will not be passed around. We invite you to leave your offering in one of the donation boxes by the exterior doors give electronically at the Tap and Pay donation points located at the entrance on the corner of Collins and Russell Streets and in St Michael's Walk Colonnade.
- We will not use printed orders of service. Responsive elements of the liturgy will be displayed on the screen. Or you could download and print an order of service from the website.

- **Will we be able to sing?**

Yes! Congregations are now permitted to sing softly while wearing masks and maintaining physical distance. Facemasks are optional while singing. Each Sunday a cantor will lead the singing, standing 5m away from the congregation.

- **Will there be 'live' music?**

Yes! Rhys Boak, our organist and music manager will play, and guest musicians will offer music for reflection.

- **Will the minister wear a mask?**

There is an exemption from the mask rule for people engaged in public speaking, who need to be heard clearly. This applies to the Minister while leading worship, and lay people doing the readings or notices.

- **Where can I park?**

The Grand Hyatt Hotel car park on Russell Street (between Collins St and Flinders Lane) provides \$7.00 discounted parking for people attending Sunday Gatherings at St Michael's. Discount vouchers will be available at the welcome tables when you sign in.

- **What happens after church?**

We leave the building maintaining physical distancing.

We will be serving tea and coffee in the hall after the morning service.

People may also gather in St Michael's Walk to chat afterwards. Masks are not necessary outside but please maintain social distance and do not shake hands or hug people outside of your household.

- **If you're unwell, please stay home and enjoy the Online Gathering.**

Online Gatherings will continue for the foreseeable future. If you are not quite ready to come back to church, or if health, distance, or other commitments make it impossible, then please join us at <https://stmichaels.org.au/the-church/gatherings-reflections/>