

# S. JAMES'

## Bicentenary 2019-2024

### Acting Rector's Message to Parishioners regarding Services at St James'

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

*'May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

Following the Prime Minister's address to the Nation, outlining the Government's updated guidelines and restrictions on public gatherings, the Archbishop of Sydney has now advised that all public church gatherings in Anglican churches across this diocese should cease until further notice.

We, as a parish, strive *'to be a place of soul-stirring worship, with challenging preaching in all times and in the midst of all conditions, to offer fine music, to welcome all people in a spirit of love and, in all things, to serve our Lord Jesus Christ'*. Therefore, not to open our doors for prayer and worship and to receive together the Sacraments of the Church is counter to all we stand for. However, we heed the Archbishop's direction and regretfully have cancelled all services until further notice.

From this Sunday, we will live-stream the Choral Eucharist (now closed door) at 10:00am on [facebook.com/stjameskingstreet/](https://www.facebook.com/stjameskingstreet/) (you do not need to have a Facebook account). We invite you to join us for this service as you make your spiritual communion along with others who will likewise be participating from their home.

To ensure that we emerge from these difficult and uncertain times, we do need your assistance in supporting our ministry through ongoing regular financial contributions. Please prayerfully consider this vital support. Offerings can be made online through [sjks.org.au/donate](https://www.sjks.org.au/donate), cheque, bank direct credit, or by phoning the parish office; we ask you to prayerfully consider this if you are in the habit of making your offering by envelope or by cash in the collection plate.

We will continue to keep you updated over the coming days and weeks.

With continued prayers and every blessing,

Fr John Stewart  
*Acting Rector*

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