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CHANCERY NOTICE

Nationwide Implementation of MCO — Suspension of public Masses in the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur

Due to the unprecedented escalation of this pandemic and surging increase of new cases, the Honorable Prime Minister Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Bin Haji Mohd Yassin announced on Monday, 10th May 2021, that the Movement Control Order (MCO) will be imposed on the entire nation from the 12th of May to 7th of June 2021.

1.0. Given the critical nature of the current pandemic and witnessing our health care facilities, resources and personnel pushed to breaking point, His Grace, Most Reverend Archbishop Julian Leow D. D., has decided to extend the temporary suspension of public Masses in all parishes, churches, chapels and Mass centres located within the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur with effect from Wednesday, 12th May 2021, until further notice.

2.0. Based on the recommendations of the Archdiocesan Crisis Task Force, these protocols are to be observed throughout the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur:

2.1. **Parish Offices** — Where possible, office staff should be encouraged to work from home. At the discretion of the Parish Priest/ Administrator, parish offices may be opened with additional precautionary measures, e.g. shorter opening hours, shift work among staff, no over-counter transactions etc.

2.2. **Weddings** — The Parish Priests/ Administrators should strongly encourage couples to postpone their weddings scheduled for May and June. In the event that this is not possible, weddings may proceed with a maximum number of 20 persons (inclusive of minister, couple, witnesses). All attendees should be preregistered and should be allocated seat/ row numbers to facilitate contact tracing.



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2.3. **Funerals** — Parlours in Churches may be opened. There should be no in-person communal prayers (which could be done via ZOOM) and private prayers within the parlour are limited to not more than 5 persons at any one time. Funeral Masses may be celebrated with a maximum number of 20 persons. All guests and family members should be preregistered and should be allocated seat/row numbers to facilitate contact tracing. Priests may perform a short prayer at the funeral parlour but are discouraged to perform prayers in the home of the deceased, especially when there are issues of crowding and social distancing.

2.4. **Baptisms** are to be postponed except in the case of an emergency.

2.5. **Anointing of the Sick** shall be reserved for urgent cases. All home communion by extraordinary ministers of holy communion will be suspended until further notice.

2.6. **Confessions** can be heard by way of private appointment with the priest.

2.7. Please take note that **Masses will continue to be live-streamed** from various parishes. The links can be found on TV.ArchKL.org. Parishes which are conducting live-streaming should not have more than 10 volunteers present at any Mass. The Archbishop has also dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass and holy days of obligation.

As the Church returns to another painful period of suspension of public Masses, we are reminded of the experience of the Apostles who were told to remain in Jerusalem after the Lord's Ascension, under a mandated quarantine as they gathered in the Upper Room, prayerfully waiting for the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The first novena is to be traced back to this experience of nine days beginning on the Friday after the Ascension. Rather than a period of stagnation, this can be a time of unparalleled growth in holiness and prayer. Let us continue to pray for the over-stretched front-liners, those suffering from this pandemic in one way or another and for each other during this time of waiting; and we do so with the hope that we will emerge from our own Upper Room, renewed, invigorated and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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