



*What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love Tenderly and to walk humbly with your God. MICAH 6:8*

**LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL**  
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Letter to all the faithful

After over 3 months of lock down and following mass online we are re-opening our Churches this week, we will resume our mass attendance in the church. Hopeful this is the last lockdown we will ever experience. I will be glad to see you all back again, what a joy to start receiving Christ sacramentally once more. Welcome back.

Time has arrived to prepare for fundamental change in a post-covid communities. It is important as Pope Francis stated in his life after pandemic reflection, to prepare ourselves for what follows, we will be looking at the future with hope together. As we reopen, we will try as much as possible to keep each other safe by following the guidelines laid out for us by NSW health guidelines and supported by our diocese. Those coming for mass remember to carry your masks with you.

Pope Francis on his personal reflection on Covid in general said, despite Covid being a crisis in the world for bringing untold suffering around the world it has brought blessing too and can shape our future for the better. Covid has brought awareness and consciousness about others, he said for this to happen “we need to see clearly, choose wisely and act well. Thus, he gave his reflection the title of “ Let us Dream” the path to a better future. I invite you also, that we dream together and fashion our tomorrow in our personal and parish life. Let us put persons, communities, and people at the Centre, united to heal, to care, share and dream together for a better future, let us walk toward a synodal church. Let us take this time and review where we have been and dare dream of a better tomorrow. Pope Francis in the reflection I had quoted- early of Life after pandemic, had this to say: Together with vision, commitment and action let us demonstrate how prayer is fundamental for redirecting our gaze in hope, especially when hope becomes tenuous and struggle to survive” How many of us are praying offering and interceding for good of all? He asks. The Holy father said, prayers and quiet services are victorious weapons of what lie ahead of us. Let us once more contemplate and participate in the mystical Body of Christ, may it permeate in our way of life, let us dialogue with him so that we will be able to welcome, accompany and support each other as we come together once again

May Mary, Our Lady of the Way walk with us, and intercede to us.

**Fr Michael pp Our Lady of the way.**