



ADDENDUM to COVID-19 directives from Bishop Brian Mascord

Effective 3 September 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters

As you would be aware there are changes to the COVID-19 rules regarding weddings. Below is an abstract from the NSW Health rules.

From Friday 3 September 2021, small wedding services can be held in NSW.

Number of people

You can attend a small wedding service if:

- you are legally required to conduct the wedding service being the celebrant or officiant
- you are one of the 2 people getting married
- you are one of the 2 necessary witnesses
- you are recording the service or
- one of 5 guests.

These rules mean that **no more than 11 people** can attend a wedding service under any circumstances.

Small wedding services held outside Greater Sydney

If you live outside Greater Sydney, you can leave home to attend a small wedding service outside Greater Sydney.

If you live in Greater Sydney, you cannot leave home to attend a small wedding service **outside Greater Sydney**, either as a participant in the service or as a guest.

Greater Sydney includes the Blue Mountains and Wollongong local government areas.

Small wedding services held in Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains and Wollongong

If you live outside Greater Sydney, you can leave home and enter Greater Sydney to attend a small wedding service only if you are:

- one of the people who is legally required to conduct the wedding service being the celebrant or officiant
- one of the 2 people getting married
- one of the 2 necessary witnesses
- the person recording the service; or
- a parent, child or sibling of one of the people getting married.

During this difficult time please do not hesitate to reach out to my office for any support you may need.

Yours in the Lord

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD

BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

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