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COVID-19 Update – Hunters Hill Complex

You will have noticed that since our COVID-19 meeting last week a few necessary changes have occurred around Maryvale/Montbel, Villa and the administration offices. We have been asking

- Marists to meet any guest outside
- Guests need to wear a mask, have their temperature taken and register.
- Tradespeople coming into the complex need to register using the QR code.
- Staff are being asked to wear a mask where possible
- Regular sanitising of hands

We thank community members who have not travelled to ‘hot spot’ areas. It is important that we limit exposure to community gathering areas like coffee shops and shopping centres as the majority of the residents of our complex come within the vulnerable age group. The subsequent effect on all in our extended community, if one person was to visit a place with a confirmed case, will result in the isolation of our complex and all its members for 14 days with significant and possibly dire consequences.

As the Archbishop of Canterbury tweeted today...“Staying at home is loving your neighbour.

Wearing a mask is loving your neighbour.

Keeping your distance is loving your neighbour.

Washing your hands is loving your neighbour.

Let’s keep loving our neighbours.”

COTTAGE

As you are aware the cottage is available principally for use by Marists and their families and friends. This has always been an opportunity to show Marist hospitality.

It has proven necessary that there always be an individual Marist who is responsible for hosting the guests. The Marist “host” or his local delegate is responsible for preparing the site and then washing the bed linen, remaking beds etc after the guests’ departure. Other duties also include vacuuming, cleaning both the kitchen and bathroom and the disposal of any rubbish.

The cottage is self-contained so all guests are expected to be self-sufficient. It is the responsibility of the host Marist to ensure that the cottage is stocked with essential provisions.

COVID however, has meant that these practices must be both reinforced and adapted. Firstly, Marists need to consider the impact of having visitors to the Cottage during the pandemic in light of our mutual responsibility to each other as community members.

Secondly, if you decide to go ahead with booking the cottage, please contact and talk with Kerrie directly as the new procedure will require a thorough cleaning and sanitizing of the cottage before and after by our staff. During the pandemic guests should not be invited into Maryvale/Montbel including for meals.

Finally, in addition to the normal cleaning, all areas will need to be sanitised. This will come at a cost and individual Marists will be asked to contribute to that cost.