

St Ronan's Presbyterian Church  
234 Muritai Road  
Eastbourne



2 December 2021

Dear Friend of St Ronan's

**Regulation:** You will be aware New Zealand is moving to the 'traffic light' system from this Friday 3 December and St Ronan's is required to operate within the new COVID-19 Protection Framework.

In line with NZ Government policy for faith-based gatherings, parish council has decided St Ronan's will require all those who attend church to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

**Vaccine Pass:** This requires you bring along your **NZ Vaccine Pass** (on paper or on your phone).

We will verify your pass using the Ministry of Health **NZ Pass Verifier** App. For *unknown* visitors we will also require photo ID (e.g., a driver licence).

*If you do not yet have your **Vaccine Pass**, contact one of us as soon as possible and we will help you obtain it from the Ministry of Health. Their website can be a bit of a challenge at times...!*



**Records:** To avoid having to scan your Vaccine Pass each week, we will create a record of your vaccine status.

As we cannot know who has and hasn't scanned in, we will continue to keep a record of all attendees each Sunday.

**Safety:** The COVID-19 virus is transmitted from person to person mainly via the air and in tiny droplets. The larger droplets soon drop to the ground (within about 2 m) but the smaller ones (aerosol) can circulate in the air for some time. Hence...

- 1) We will require you to exercise social distancing and to wear a mask<sup>1</sup> at all times except, briefly, when eating/drinking and taking communion.

AND

- 2) We will maintain maximum ventilation in our premises to reduce build-up of aerosol - many open windows, we already have the wind...!

**Concluding:** Your patience and support is deeply appreciated. Our full and careful engagement with the new 'traffic light' framework will allow us to continue to operate safely at all levels - 'green', 'orange' and 'red' (our region is currently set at 'orange').

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact any member of parish council.

Warmest regards

Sandy Lang (parish clerk)

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<sup>1</sup> Because a mask muffles speech, all those addressing the congregation should remove their masks - but only when speaking.