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Greek Orthodox Churches in Australia to reopen for private prayer this week



Over the past week, Greek Orthodox churches across Australia have been organising efficient procedures to allow worshipers to attend Sunday services and engage in private prayer in the church.

Places of worship were given approval to reopen last week as part of the Australian Government's "three-step plan" to relax coronavirus restrictions. As part of the restriction relaxations, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced that religious gatherings can now be conducted with up to 10 guests.

St Spyridon Parish in Sydney announced on Saturday their plans to allow guests into their church from this Sunday 17th May 2020.

"As we also know, St Spyridon Parish serves some 6,000 parishioners who reside in the South-East Sydney area," St Spyridon Parish said on their official Facebook page.

"Therefore, it is obvious to everyone that, determining which 10 people of the

6,000 parishioners should be permitted to attend, is an impossible task.”

St Spyridon Parish announced that they will be allowing 10 parishioners in the church at a time for Sunday service, entering alternatively every 15-30 minutes.

Greek Orthodox Churches are placing priority for requested Memorial Services for the tragic loss of loved ones, with the government announcing that funeral services will be permitted to hold up to 20 people indoors.

St Spyridon Church will also be open for private prayer during the week, from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00 am till 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm till 4.00 pm.

To find out what procedures your church will be taking to allow worshipers to attend service, you can find their details and contact them [HERE](#).

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