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The Catholic Weekly offers Digital Edition during church closures

The Archdiocese of Sydney's weekly newspaper, *The Catholic Weekly* is launching a special digital edition this week to ensure its readers can still enjoy the full edition of the newspaper online while churches are closed across greater Sydney due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under restrictions introduced by the NSW Government, churches across greater Sydney, the Central Coast, the Blue Mountains and Wollongong areas will be closed until at least Friday 9 July.

A new digital edition of *The Catholic Weekly* will be made available for free to all readers this Friday, formatted identically to the print edition at this link: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/>

New readers can also sign up for a free version of the newspaper this Friday, delivered directly to your email inbox.

The Editor of *The Catholic Weekly*, Peter Rosengren, said similar arrangements were made during church closures last year and this special edition is an important way of rewarding readers for their support during challenging times.

"We know how much our readers not only in Sydney, but across NSW, nationally and internationally enjoy up-to-date news, commentary and analysis which makes our publication stand out in Catholic media", Mr Rosengren said.

"We really want our readers to enjoy that ongoing connection to the Catholic Church when they can't physically attend Mass or even enter churches to pray during the pandemic. Our content will also feature more articles related to the pandemic, including handy tips for families around how to maintain faith-filled lives during the current lockdown", he added.

The Catholic Weekly online site (<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>) will also feature prayers and podcasts with a focus on helping Catholics continue to live faith-filled lives through these difficult times.

The Catholic Weekly welcomes story ideas about how clergy, religious and the baptised are responding in these challenging times when churches are closed. You can send these ideas directly to the newspaper's editor via this email address: cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au

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