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*By the Grace of God & Authority of the Apostolic See*  
*Bishop of Rockhampton*  
**Decree**

### **Revocation of Dispensation from Sunday Obligation**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 I granted a dispensation from the obligation to worship at Sunday Mass during the Covid Pandemic. Now that almost all of the civil limitations regarding the pandemic have been withdrawn, it is opportune to re-instate the Sunday obligation.

As has always been the case, if individual Catholics struggle with serious health concerns or are physically or morally prevented from worshipping at Mass for a grave reason, this obligation does not apply. Additionally, if individuals are frail due to illness or age or, in their well-formed consciences believe that going into public places - including Sunday worship at Mass - would place their health or the health of their loved ones in serious jeopardy, they too are not bound by this obligation.

I, the undersigned Bishop of Rockhampton, do hereby pronounce, declare, and decree that the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend the Holy Mass is revoked. As of Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the faithful will be obliged to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation (c. 1247).

Given at Rockhampton this Twenty-Fifth day of November  
in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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