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*My dear people,*

There has been much excitement within the community in the wake of yesterday's announcement by our Archbishop William Goh that our churches may re-open for private worship following the end of the circuit breaker. I wish to highlight that this is subject to certain MCCY and other conditions being strictly observed. **For avoidance of doubt, even if we should re-open the church, it is to only allow for private worship; there is still no official clearance as such for mass, as we know it, to resume.**

In summary:

1. Only 5 households, with a maximum of 5 members per household are allowed for private worship/prayer at any one time.
2. No sacraments (Eucharist/Confession/Baptism) may be celebrated. Weddings, funerals and interment of ashes are allowed with a maximum of 10 persons in attendance.
3. All the usual activities in church also remain suspended.
4. The columbarium remains closed until further notice.

We are working on establishing procedures and necessary measures to allow us to comply with MCCY's guidelines. The pastoral needs of our community are a priority but Christian charity also demands that we ensure everyone's safety - including the wider community - is never compromised by our resumption of worship. We must be fully ready and equipped to resume parish activities as lawfully allowed - and these measures will take time to be put in place.

We will announce details as and when available via our various communication platforms.

Do note however, that for cases where there is danger of death or critical illness, be it in hospital or at home, the priest can be contacted via the parish office.

Thank you all for sustaining us thus far with your prayers. We ask for your patience and understanding, and to continue to pray for the Church and all leadership, and an end to the pandemic.

God bless and protect us all.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Benedict'.

Fr Benedict Chng  
Parish Priest