

WESTERN HEALTH EXTERNAL FAITH REPRESENTATIVES

How to access an external faith representative during COVID19

Requests for visits from external faith representative continue during COVID19. There are a limited number of external faith representatives offering onsite visits, with the majority offering remote or virtual visitation at this time. The family's own priest or minister should always be contacted first when a request for an onsite or remote visit is made.

Onsite visits by external faith representatives should only be offered in the following circumstances:

1. The patient has entered the terminal phase of their palliation
2. The patient is not COVID positive, or suspected of being COVID positive
3. Appropriate PPE is provided, donned and doffed as per Western Health's Guidelines
4. Western Health Visitation Factsheet is followed, including the exemption and approval process for onsite visits

Appendix 1: Complete list of Western Health's external faith representatives

The following is a **complete** list of Western Health's external faith representatives for COVID-19, including those who are willing to visit onsite, and those who can only offer remote (i.e. phone, FaceTime, Zoom, WhatsApp, Messenger) end of life support at this time. The family's own priest or minister **should always be contacted first**, but if they are unavailable, remote and onsite support can be sought by consulting this list.

For the time being, please disregard previous lists and limit your calls to only the clergy people listed below.

For all further enquiries, please call Sacha McDonald – Manager, Pastoral Care, on 0421 899 462.

Availability of onsite and/or remote support	Hours	Faith/Denomination/Parish	Minister/Priest/Imam/Rabbi/Nun	Phone	Remote Contact Mode	Languages
Onsite: Sunshine Remote: Not offered	8am - 10pm	Catholic Holy Eucharist St Albans	Fr Oche Matutina	9366 1310 0435 777 339	N/A	English Samoan Indonesian
Onsite: Not offered Remote: All sites	Up to 9pm	Catholic St Bernadette's Sunshine North	Fr John Taliana	9311 2977	Phone	English Maltese
Onsite: Not offered Remote: All sites	ALL	Catholic St Theresa's Albion	Fr Barry Hughes	9367 1119 0428 533 391	Phone	English
Onsite: Sunshine Remote: All sites	Business hours	Catholic Sacred Heart St Albans	Fr Maurie Cooney	9366 2146	Phone	English
Onsite: Sunshine Remote: All sites	ALL	Catholic Sacred Heart St Albans	Fr Justel Callos	9366 2146	Phone Zoom	English Filipino
Onsite: Sunshine Remote: All sites	ALL	Catholic St Peter Chanel Deer Park	Fr Felimon Libot	9363 3132	Phone	English, Filipino
Onsite: Not offered Remote: All sites	Business hours	Catholic St Paul's Glengala Rd West Sunshine	Fr Renato Manubag	9363 3132 0420 241 959	Phone	English Filipino
Onsite: Sunshine	ALL	Catholic St Catherine of Siena	Fr Richard Rosse	8361 9822	Phone FaceTime	English, French

Remote: All sites		Caroline Springs				
Onsite: Footscray Remote: Footscray	ALL	Catholic Holy Family Footscray	Fr Rene Ramirez	9317 9298 0421 674 880	Mobile	English Italian Filipino
Onsite: Footscray Remote: Footscray	ALL	Catholic Holy Family Footscray	Fr Gerald Binegas	9317 9298 0421 674 880	Mobile	English
Onsite: Footscray Remote: Footscray	ALL	Catholic St Augustine's Yarraville	Fr John O'Connor (2nd contact only, after Fr Ramirez)	9314 7710 0427327302	Phone FaceTime	English
Onsite: Williamstown Remote: Williamstown	ALL	Catholic St Mary's Williamstown	Fr Greg Trythall	0400 524 363	Mobile Zoom	English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Ukrainian Catholic St Peter & Paul North Melbourne	Fr Andrew Mykytyuk	9320 2566 0411 291 128	Mobile WhatsApp	English Ukrainian Russian (minimal Polish)
Onsite: Sunshine Remote: All sites	ALL	Anglican St Albans Anglican Church	Rev Siosifa (Joseph) Tongia	0430 574 869	Phone Messenger	Tongan, English
Onsite: Footscray Remote: All sites	ALL	Anglican Footscray Anglican Parish	Rev Chaplain Soma	0403 709 180	Phone Zoom	Bari, Arabic, Swahili, Luganda, English
Onsite: Sunshine Remote:	ALL	Anglican Holy Apostles	Rev Paul Subramaniam (second to	0457 820 043	Phone WhatsApp Messenger	Tamil Sinhala, English

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Onsite: Williamstown Remote: All sites	ALL	Anglican Holy Trinity Williamstown	Rev Elizabeth Murray	9397 5330 0419 106 457 <i>(if emergency, call mobile twice – will be picked up on the 2nd call).</i>	Phone Zoom	English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Baptist Newport Baptist	Rev Julie Hunt	9391 1213 0408 217 407	Phone	English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Buddhist Quang Temple Braybrook	Ven Phuoc Tan Thich (Vietnamese)	0414 264 194	Phone	Vietnamese English
Depends on individual External Faith Representative	Business hours	Buddhist Buddhist Council of Victoria	<i>The Buddhist Council of Victoria has asked that they be called directly to connect us with representatives of the appropriate branch of Buddhism.</i>	0422 961 162	Phone	
Onsite: Sunshine Remote: All sites	ALL	Jehovah's Witness	Erasmo (Ras) D'Agostino	9363 6637 0430 313 098	Phone	English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Jehovah's Witness	24 Hour Blood Emergencies Contact	0414 842 827	Phone	English

Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Jehovah's Witness	Jackson Hari Blood Emergencies	0404 232 479	Phone	English
Onsite: Footscray Remote: All sites	ALL	Jehovah's Witness	Kolya Surjenko	0490 808 617	Phone	English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Jewish Ark Centre	Rabbi Gabi Kaltmann	0426 361 811	Phone FaceTime WhatsApp	Hebrew Yiddish English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Lutheran	Frank Rasenberger	0457 721 435	Phone Zoom	German
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Muslim Newport Mosque	Mohamad Elhalwi	0412 122 463	Phone WhatsApp	Arabic French English
Onsite: Footscray Remote: All sites	ALL	Muslim	Ms Zebyba Abdul	0425 664 945	Phone WhatsApp	Amharic Arabic English
Onsite: Not offered Remote:	ALL	Orthodox – Greek	Fr Demos Nicolau	9465 7526 0421 704 806	Phone	Greek English

All sites						
Onsite: Williamstown Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Greek Dormition of Our Lady Altona North	Fr Synesios Frangos (only as 2 nd contact)	0419 870 063	Phone	English
Onsite: Footscray Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Greek Church of the Holy Trinity, Footscray	Fr Antonios Vanikiotis	9687 2727 0422 077 282	Phone	Greek English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Belarusian	Bishop Andrei	0431 695 457	Phone	Russian English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Coptic	Fr Peter Agaibi	0434 641 889	Phone	English, Arabic
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Coptic	Fr Samuel Elias	0412 884 434	Phone	Arabic English
Onsite: Not offered Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Coptic	Fr Thomas Abdelmalek	0421 085 362	Phone	Arabic English
Onsite: Not offered Remote: All sites	Business hours	Orthodox – Coptic	Fr Morcos Yassa	0422 755 620	Phone	Arabic English

Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Macedonian Seddon	Fr Lopcho	0412 554 410	Phone	English Macedonian
Onsite: Not offered Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Macedonian Nativity of the Holy Mother of God, Sydenham	Fr Jovica Simonovski	0412 049 194	Phone	English Macedonian
Onsite: Not offered Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Romanian St Peter & Paul's Romanian Orthodox Church Carlton	Fr Dumitru Coman	9663 5120 0408 591 014 0400 233 747	Phone	Romanian English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Romanian Romanian Orthodox Episcopate Melton	Fr Vasile Prunbus	0434 405 064	Messenger WhatsApp	Romanian
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Russian Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God	Very Rev Fr Nicholas Karipoff	0418 546 911	Phone Zoom Facetime	English Russian
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Orthodox – Serbian St George Serbian Orthodox St Albans	Rev. Borislav Petrovic	0411 186 784	Phone	English Russian Serbian
Onsite:	ALL	Presbyterian	Rev Daniel Dixon	0401 442 040	Phone	English

All sites Remote: All sites		Williamstown Presbyterian				
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Salvation Army	Colin & Phuong Reynolds	9364 9335 0412 930 285	Phone	English
Onsite: All sites Remote: All sites	ALL	Seventh Day Adventist	Mr Ansley Wagner	0421 349 815	Phone	English
Onsite: Sunshine Remote: All sites	ALL	Uniting Church Sunshine Uniting	Rev Fiona Bottcher	0421 027 467	Phone FaceTime	English