



Dear Friends,

SAVE THE DATE - Launch date of the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering, 31 July 2021

The 2020 National Catholic Men's Gathering was a successful online event where approximately 1,000 men gathered across the nation at 42 hosting sites.

The Working Committee for the 2020 event is currently planning for a similar event to be launched in July. The intention is to have three pre-recorded presentations available, each with new speakers, as well as questions for discussions and ideas for hosting a one day event in a diocesan and/or parish hub. This information will be made available in the coming months.

The Committee believes that the format that was delivered in 2020 offered flexibility in how participants could choose to access and engage in the content, either individually or gathering with others from the parish/diocese or within a men's ministry group. The 2020 resources remain available at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

We invite you to promote the 2021 National Catholic Men's Event within your parish. Please find attached a flyer and suggested Parish notices. The event will be launched on Saturday 31st July and we ask you to consider gathering on this day with your bishop and the men of your diocese and/or parish. If this date isn't suitable, then we suggest accessing the three pre-recorded presentations on a date(s) and time(s) that would be more suitable for your parish community. You might like to contact your local Bishop regarding his availability on this day and to see if he has any plans about a diocesan event.

We would like to remind you that the aim of the event has always been to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. It is hoped that the event will reinforce the importance of gathering in the faith environment of the Church, ensuring that the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities.

We thank you for your support of this event.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev. Julian Porteous
Archbishop of Hobart
Bishops Commission for
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Most Rev. Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Armidale
Bishops Commission for
Life, Family and Public Engagement