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This Pastoral Statement may be used by the Clergy in the Parishes to give to Parishioners to give further understanding to the Regulations of Covid-19

For those having planned to be Married before Covid-19 Lockdown intervened.

THE SACRAMENT of HOLY MATRIMONY

Sacramental Marriage is a Liturgical Act. It is therefore appropriate that it should be celebrated in the public Liturgy of the Church.

It is therefore a cause of anguish and deep disappointment that due to the Coronavirus World Wide Pandemic, our Churches have been closed, by decree of the State, and Marriages cannot take place.

As citizens we are duty bound to obey the good laws of government.

As the Diocese of Saldanha Bay, the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, I am sorry that we are not able to solemnize Marriages in Church during this time.

We will resume the Liturgies of the Church as soon as the Lockdown Regulations are lifted by the State.

Meanwhile, the Parish Clergy are keeping Pastoral Contact with you and offering the Churches Care and Support to you during this time.

We hold you in Prayer as you continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Yours in Christ,

+Raphael
The Bishop of the Diocese of Saldanha Bay