

What's wrong with a Virtual Mass?

Fr Michael Kelly SJ with Dr Joseph Grayland, Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Dr Carmel Pilcher

You are invited to create community online as we gather to share and grow faith.

How to Prepare and Run a Session:

Read *Saturday Sessions 'How To' Guide* for information how to host a Saturday Session.

Presentation:

What's wrong with a virtual Mass? - Flashes of Insight

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOsJ9rqAkv4>

Michael Kelly SJ interviews Dr Joseph Grayland, Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Dr Carmel Pilcher about the COVID-19 phenomenon that has hit the Catholic Church; even the Pope was involved, the Virtual Mass.

About the Presenter:

Flashes of Insight is an initiative following the Covid-19 Liturgical lockdown and is linked to the material published through La Croix International. This conversation is for everyone who has experienced liturgical disruption through Covid-19 and is seeking to "understand" their experience and harness its value for future growth.

You can view more informational talks around Liturgy and COVID at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJz6bliogLXoS3qYG8I3Gfw>



Questions to Ponder:

1. What is your response to a 'virtual world'?
2. "I" turns into a "we" in a sense of prayer no matter where we are. How have you experienced this sense of "we" when you haven't been physically together?
3. "What is 'right' with a virtual Mass?" Do you resonate with Sr Carmel's comments, a few months after the time of initial lockdown?
4. What is your reaction/experience/opinion of "livestream" Mass? Share positive/challenging experiences.
5. How has the role of the Priest been challenged in this time of live-streaming Masses?
6. What are the stories you have heard of families sharing and growing in prayer over the past few months?
7. What does participation in Eucharist look like?
8. "Liturgy must be more than consuming something". Discuss.
9. Where have been other areas of virtual connectivity, besides Mass, that you have experienced to aid your prayer and worship?

Further Support:

If you would like further support to bring to life a Saturday Session, or Wednesday Wisdom or Tuesday Thinktank (the name can be changed), please contact Lisa at the Pastoral Planning Office at lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

For information about Zoom please contact the Pastoral Planning Office or you can watch a Zoom tutorial at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac>

The Pastoral Planning Office thanks you for your enduring faith, hope, love and commitment as we venture into the deep. We pray that you experience the peace and grace that our God offers and can be an ambassador of Christ's hope and peace to those you encounter and accompany.

Please contact the Pastoral Planning Office for support in all areas of pastoral ministry.

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