

Mass for You at Home to continue in 2021

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has confirmed that *Mass for You at Home* will continue in 2021, correcting false media reports and social media commentary.

Mass for You at Home, one of the nation's longest-running television shows, will continue to air on Network Ten, and in regional areas and on pay television through Aurora. It will also be available online on demand.

"I can confirm that *Mass for You at Home* will be on air in 2021, with the Archdiocese having recently underlined that intention with Network Ten," Archbishop Comensoli said.

The Archbishop acknowledged that the broadcasting costs for *Mass for You at Home* are a challenge. The Church across the country is working with supporters and collaborators to ensure *Mass* can be beamed into living rooms into the future.

"For decades, *Mass for You at Home* has been a source of comfort and strength for people who – for a range of reasons – haven't been able to attend *Mass* in person," he said.

Archbishop Comensoli said there has been a proliferation of online *Masses* during the COVID-19 pandemic, many of which will continue. But there are some people for whom technology is not available or not familiar.

"People living in aged care, those in hospital or house-bound, people in prison, others awake early on a Sunday morning have been able to find spiritual nourishment in a world that can often be filled with 'noise'," Archbishop Comensoli said.

"The people who have been expressing concern about the future of *Mass for You at Home* demonstrate that the program continues to meet an important need. We look forward to it continuing."

Archbishop Comensoli said the program will undergo some changes in 2021, including seeing *Masses* filmed in churches. It is also expected that additional material will be produced for the program's online portal.

"COVID-19 has underlined the need for our Church and our society to be agile and responsive to what is happening in the world," he said.

"Our new national model will reflect that reality."