

### Churches reopened

[www.stmelscampsie.org.au](http://www.stmelscampsie.org.au)

As you are aware the federal government's 3-step framework states that every religious gathering is limited to a maximum of **50 people**.

As a result we have established a parish website enabling us to reach as many parishioners possible to register to attend a weekday or weekend mass.

If you would like to attend mass or know somebody who would like to attend, we ask you first if possible to register at our parish website at:

[www.stmelscampsie.org.au](http://www.stmelscampsie.org.au)

*(This website is a work in progress so again we appreciate your patience.)*

If you do not have access to a computer or internet call or email the parish office and we will be able to assist you to register for your preferred mass.

We do understand the frustration of not being able to attend mass as usual, however, we ask you to be patient and abide by the current restrictions. **Please note that as you enter the Church you will need to use the side door only,(presbytery side), hand sanitiser is available and is to be used on entering and leaving the Church. You will also notice that the pews have been marked with stickers indicating where you can be seated. These will help us to comply with the social distancing requirements.**

If a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in a parish, every person who has registered as an attendee of the parish will be contacted with further instructions.

We will keep you updated on changes as they progress.

Thank you for your patience at this time.

*Only in silence can the Word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of The Word and, inseparably, woman of silence*  
*Verbum Domini (2010) 66*

### HAPPY BELATED BRITHDAY FR ANTHONY !

**We hope you had a wonderful birthday and pray that you are blessed with happiness and good health always.**

#### Support Your Parish Online

For any parishioner who wishes support our parish financially you can either request to become a member of our envelope giving or make a donation online via our parish website at: [www.stmelscampsie.org.au](http://www.stmelscampsie.org.au) and click on the **Support Us** icon and follow the prompts. Thank you for your ongoing support

#### Security Cameras in the Church

Please be advised that for safety and security reasons we have now installed security cameras in and around the Church.

#### CatholicCare

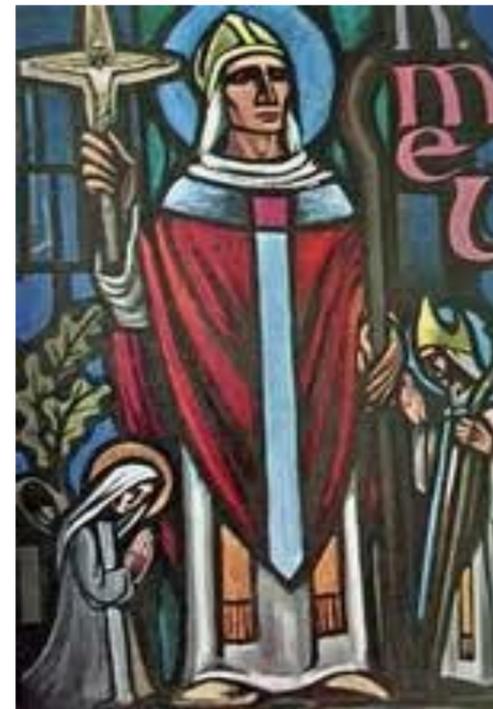
##### outreach to the lonely and isolated

CatholicCare and the Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese are here to support vulnerable people in our local communities during lockdown. We can connect local volunteers to people who need help with their shopping and errands or even just for a regular friendly chat over the phone. If you, or someone you know, could use a little help during this time, CCareline 13 18 19 can connect you with a local volunteer from your community. CCareline 13 18 19 is a free and confidential helpline for counselling, relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health. CCareline is here to help. **Call 13 18 19 Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.**

#### Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. Please visit:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>



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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Anthony Mifsud

**Parish Secretary:** Diane Daher

**Parish Office Opening hours:** 9.30am-3pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.  
Monday & Wednesday office is closed.

**St Mel's Catholic Primary School:**  
9789 3800

#### PARISH MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil:** 5pm  
**Sunday:** 8.30am & 10am  
**Weekdays:** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 9am  
**Wednesday:** 7pm followed by adoration.

#### SACRAMENTS:

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10am to 10.30am & 4pm to 4.30pm.  
**Baptismal Preparation:** First Tuesday of The Month. Call Parish Office to register.  
**Baptisms:** 11am Sundays  
**Weddings:** By arrangement with six months notice  
**Care for the Sick:** Please call the presbytery.

#### DEVOTIONS:

**Rosary:** After weekday masses  
**Adoration:** 9.30am Saturday & first Friday of the month  
**Italian Prayer Group:** Tuesday. 10am - Lower Parish Hall.

#### SAINTS and FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

**FRIDAY 19th June:** The Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus  
**SATURDAY 20th June:** The Immaculate Heart Of The Blessed Virgin Mary  
**MONDAY 22nd June:** St John Fischer (bishop, martyr) ) and St Thomas More (martyr)  
**WEDNESDAY 24th June:** The Nativity of St John The Baptist  
**MONDAY 29th June:** St Peter and St Paul (apostles)

**FIRST READING** Dt 8:2-3. 14-16*A reading from the Book Of Deuteronomy*

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

**WORD OF THE LORD.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12)

**(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 10:16-17*A reading from letter of the St Paul to the Corinthians*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

**WORD OF THE LORD.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 6:51-52*Alleluia, alleluia!*

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

*Alleluia!***GOSPEL** Jn 6:51-58*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my  
blood has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food and my blood is real  
drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me and I live in him.  
As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

**GOSPEL OF THE LORD***We remember in our Masses*

**Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish:** Max & Theresa Lay, Iris Eagleson, Dyan Rivai, Max Lay, Jerome Evan Carrillo, Joan Karam, Violet El-Kazzi, Elena Lorenzo, George Mattar, Nicholas Galvez Sr, Jeanette Lahood, Michelle & Toufic El-Dib, od, Leila Machaalany, John Duigan, Helena Knox, Maria Morais, Cong Hen Khong, Peter Xu, Flordeliza Gonzales, Joshua & Francesco Frascella, Lisa Santo, Lyn Martin, Irene Antonio, Bill Gaynor, Cindy Williams, John Heirlehy, Francisco De Felipe, Marie Varini, Mary Maney, Chahid Hanna, Joseph Romain, Maura Turija, Betty Williams, Vicky Pineda, Leonardo Hasham, Shirley Gorrie, Ampy Bollman, Mark & Merle Batterson, Ramon Alonzo, Rosalie Ferraren, David Sheumack, Claude & Jeanette Chidiac, Madeline Abouzeid,

**Lord, we pray for our recently deceased especially:** Rolly Madrona, John James Lee, Maria Di Noia, Antoinette Pace, Habib Safi, Marie Varini, Clara Baet, Shirley Gorrie, Yolla Issa Nehme, Juliette Dahdah, Hilda Gellido, Maria Morais, Hind Mouawad, Rosie Diab, Paulette Aouad, Elizabeth Baty, Tannous Nader, Avelina Jimenez, Eddie Doran, Veejay Hernandez, Anna Maria Stergion, Pelagio Purcincula, Norma Navarro, Rosa Teresa Fiore Utro,

**We also pray for all the Souls of the faithful departed:** Maria Amelia & Martinho, Maria Jose Ramos, Da Silva family members, Edward Joseph Jacobs, Ena Mary Jacobs, Edwin James Jacobs, Francis Joseph Jacobs, Anne Delores Jacobs, Fred, Saidi, Rose-Dolly Stanton, Hesnay Moses, Joseph Dann, Maria Schembri, Kerry Johnson, Cosmo Forgione & family members, Grazia Carbone & family members, Giovanna Digiambattista, Fayeze Safi, Abraham Sabbagh, Rodolfo & Carmelita Constantino, Elma Abdennour, Akel Youssef, Suzanne Daher, Simone Daher, Leodegario Chan, Rosie Samyia, Jose & Maria Da Silva, Francesco Viterale, Sung & Maria Chaird, Nakad Nakad, Mantoura Makhlouf, Jose Miguel De Andrade, Maria Morais, Cosmas Hyunhwan Cho, Susanna Kim, Edilberto Cellona, Francis Samia, John & Therese Coorey, Dalel & Najeeb Lahood, Tonious, Jamille & Georgie Stanton, Budway & Samyia family members, Tony Abouzeid, Joe Joubran, Gebou Peboar, Francesco Viterale, Chafia & Sara Mekbel, Mr & Mrs S.I. Nathan, Leo Manalansang, Leodegario Chan, Heiko Winter, Louie & Adla Elias, Fielencio Dela Rosa, Joseph & Mary Fernandopulle, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, **We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Leo Manalansang, Shayben Moussa, Conchetta Condello,, Harloun Raad, Ann & Merchard George, Gloria George, Nora Moses, Marie Moses, George & Hortense Sissi, Peter Tien Luu, Peter Barakat, Madaline George, Armando Baqui, Antoun Bakhos Sakr, Jose, Manuel Alapide, Lorenzo ALapide Sr., Marcel Budway, Michael Rizk, Brigida Loschiavo, Paul Favotto, Jose Luis Suarez, Georgette Chakty, Tomasa C.Paraggua, Patricia Samuel, Cosorcio Cellona, Carmelita Andrade, Jack Ramos, Jimmy Jack Ramos, Joseph Touma & family, Doumit Dib & family, Colleen George, Madeline Haddad, Mary Anthony Fernando, Paul Iannucci, Mary Loney, Gracie Di Paulo, Raymond Caramsing, Paul Mclynn, Lucille Wilson, Aurora Perez, Anthony Lahood, Badih & Bud Stanton. Margaret Pearce. Amada Zarah Antonio and Elisabetta Palazzotto **Lord Hear Us.**

**REFLECTION****The Maternal Jesus****by Fr Michael Tate**

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... ‘What a wonderful thing!’ There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today’s Gospel: ‘The one who eats me will live.’

Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother’s body in the womb. This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today’s Gospel.

‘Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.’ Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.

Moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God’s future: ‘The one who eats this bread will live forever.’

We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: ‘Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received and a pledge of future glory is given to us.’

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