

## Churches reopened

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

Even though mass attendance is now unlimited we are still required to comply with the social distancing rule which is 4sqm per person. This means with the area available in our Church we can only accommodate 100 people per mass. In line with this requirement on every pew you will find a sticker indicating where you are to sit during masses. We realize that families have indicated that they would like to be seated together however if we allow families to sit as groups we would need to separate people further apart and that would restrict our numbers in the area we have. So out of respect of others we kindly ask if you could adhere to the social distancing rules in place.

If you would like to attend mass or know somebody who would like to attend, we ask you first 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 on weekends you will need to enter the Church via the front entrance, and during the weekday you will need to use the side door only, (presbytery side).

On entering and leaving the Church you must sanitise your hands using the sanitiser dispensers available.

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 have heard from the sculptor Timothy Schmalz and he has advised that hopefully our Padre Pio sculpture should be finished by mid August and he is hopeful to be able to arrange shipment and have it arrive by mid to late September with all going well with the current global situation.

However, we still need to prepare the formwork where the statue will be placed and currently looking into getting quotes. If anyone would still like to donate towards this, please place your donation in the boxes within the Church that are labeled Padre Pio. Or bring your donation to the Parish. We encourage you to return your recyclable 10c bottles which will assist in this project. Thank you.

### Padre Pio's Sacred Heart Novena Prayer

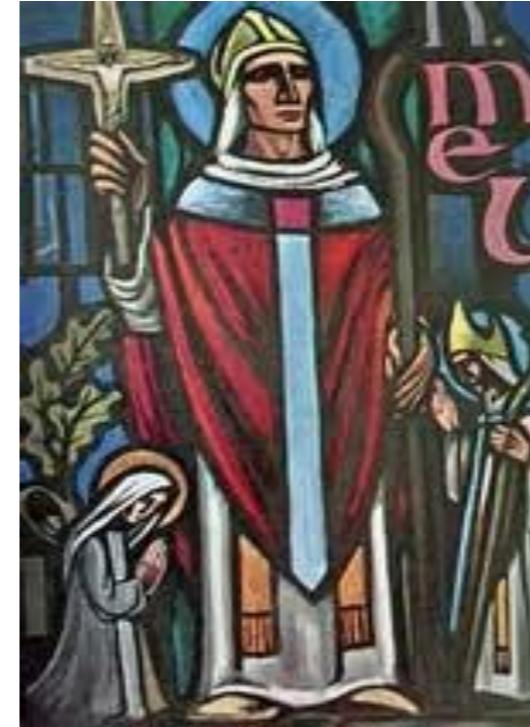
O my Jesus, You have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of (here name your request). *Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.*

O my Jesus, You have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Behold, in Your name, I ask the Father for the grace of (here name your request). *Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.*

O my Jesus, You have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but My words will not pass away." Encouraged by Your infallible words I now ask for the grace of (here name your request). *Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.*

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of You, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your tender Mother and ours.

*Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: "St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us."*



## St Mel's Parish

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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,  
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: (*currently cancelled until further restrictions ease*)

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 3rd July: St Thomas (apostle)  
SATURDAY 4th July: St Elizabeth of Portugal  
MONDAY 6th July: St Maria Goretti (virgin, martyr)  
THURSDAY 9th July: St Augustine Zhao Rong (priest and companions, martyrs)  
SATURDAY 11th July: St Benedict (abbott)  
MONDAY 13th July: St Henry  
TUESDAY 14th July: St Camillus de Lellis (priest)  
WEDNESDAY 15th July: St Bonaventure (bishop, doctor)  
THURSDAY 16th July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
MONDAY 20th July: St Apollinaris (bishop, martyr)  
TUESDAY 21st July: St Lawrence of Brindise (priest, doctor)  
THURSDAY 23rd July: St Bridget (religious)  
FRIDAY 24th July: St Sharbel Makhluf (priest)  
SATURDAY 25th July: St James (apostle)  
WEDNESDAY 29th July: St Martha  
THURSDAY 30th July: St Peter Chrysologus (bishop, doctor)  
FRIDAY 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola (priest)

19th July, 2020

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### FIRST READ ING Wis 12:13.16-19

#### A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

#### WORD OF THE LORD.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

### SECOND READING Rom 8:26-27

#### A reading from letter of the St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

#### WORD OF THE LORD.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Mt 13:24-43

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”

He put another parable before them, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’

He told them another parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

**GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

### We remember in our Masses

**Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish:** 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, Leila Machaalany, John Duigan, Helena Knox, Cong Hen Khong, Peter Xu, Flordeliza Gonzales, Joshua & Francesco Frascella, Lisa Santo, Lyn Martin, Irene Antonio, Bill Gaynor, Cindy Williams, John Heirlhy, Francisco De Felipe, Marie Varini, Mary Maney, Chahid Hanna, Joseph Romain, Maura Turija, Betty Williams, Vicky Pineda, Leonardo Hasham, Ampy Bollman, Mark & Merle Batterson, Ramon Alonzo, Rosalie Ferraren, David Sheumack, Claude & Jeanette Chidiac, Madeline Abouzeid,

**Lord, we pray for our recently deceased especially:** Clara Baet, Wiyano Hindarto, Joe Farah, Nancy McAppion, Habib Safi, Youmana Farhart, Rolly Madrona, John James Lee, Maria Di Noia, Antoinette Pace, Habib Safi, Marie Varini, Clara Baet, Yolla Issa Nehme, Juliette Dahdah, Hilda Gelido, Paulette Aouad, Avelina Jimenez, Eddie Doran, Veejay Hernandez, Anna Maria Stergion,

**We also pray for all the Souls of the faithful departed:** Amin Lay, 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, Hesnay Moses, Joseph Dann, Maria Schembri, Kerry Johnson, Cosmo Forgione & family members, Grazia Carbone & family members, Giovanna Digiambattista, Rodolfo & Carmelita Constantino, Leodegaro Chan, Jose & Maria Da Silva, Francesco Viterale, Sung & Maria Chaid, Mantoura Makhlof, Jose Miguel De Andrade, Maria Morais, Edilberto Cellona, John & Therese Coorey, Gebou Peboar, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, Shirley Gorrie,

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Sarkis Karam, Ane Khong, Ron Coorey, Mary Miles Navarez, Giorgio Repice, Thomas McAppion, Emaline Basha, Badewi Fayad, Minerva Matthewa, Julie Coorey, **Lord Hear Us.**

**Sunday 19 Jul 2020**

### REFLECTION

#### When words fail

**by Fr Michael Tate**

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One’s heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don’t come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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*Dear Lord, it is my will to surrender to you everything that I am and everything that I’m striving to be. I open the deepest recesses of my heart and invite Your Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me. I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit. I surrender to you my past, present, and future problems. I ask You to take hold over every aspect of my life. I surrender to You all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear, and anxiety, and I ask You to wash me clean. I release everything into Your compassionate care.*

*Please speak to me clearly, Lord. Open my ears to hear Your voice. Open my heart to commune with You more deeply. I want to feel Your loving embrace. Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed. Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life. Amen.*

*(Author unknown)*