

**ST MEL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS
MASS and CONFESSION TIMES 2020**

WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER:

6.30pm Confession
7pm Mass followed by Adoration

THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER:

9am Mass
9.30am Rosary
10am Confession

FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER:

9am Mass
9.30am Rosary
10am Confession

SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER:

4pm Confession
5pm Mass

SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER:

8.30am Mass
10am Mass

TUESDAY 22nd DECEMBER:

9am Mass
9.30am Rosary
10am Confession

WEDNESDAY 23rd DECEMBER:

6.30pm Confession
7pm Mass followed by Adoration

THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER:

CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
8pm Christmas Eve Mass
12am Midnight Mss

FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER:

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am Mass
10am Mass

SATURDAY 26th DECEMBER:

4pm Confession
5pm Mass

SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER:

8.30am Mass
10am Mass

TUESDAY 29th DECEMBER:

No mass

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WEDNESDAY 30th DECEMBER:

7pm Mass followed by Adoration

THURSDAY 31st DECEMBER:

9am Mass
9.30am Rosary

FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2021:

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

10am Mass
7pm Mass

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal last weekend. If you have returned your envelope this weekend please place it in any of the collections offered at mass.

**Month of November Mass Intentions
(Book Of Remembrance)**

November is a special time when we pray for all our deceased family, friends, relatives and all souls in Purgatory.

In preparation for masses during November, we will have our 'Book of Remembrance' which will include all the names of our deceased loved ones whom you would like to pray and offer masses for. In order for us to prepare the Book of Remembrance we invite you to place a November Mass envelope with the names of your deceased loved ones whom you would like mass offered for in the basket that will be placed beside the Altar during the whole month of October. (Envelopes can be found at the back of the Church and at each side entrance of the Church). This will give us enough time to print the names and have the book ready for the 1st November. The Book of Remembrance will be part of each mass during November and part of the Offertory Procession at weekend masses. **Please note that during the month of November, no separate mass intentions will be mentioned; every mass will be offered for all intentions that are written in the Book Of Remembrance.** It is good to offer mass for all our deceased loved ones, yet it is even more rewarding to attend mass and pray for them yourself.



St Mel's Parish

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Monday & Wednesday office is closed.

St Mel's Catholic Primary School:
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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and (5pm mass during COVID-19 restrictions)
Weekdays: 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
Wednesday: 7pm followed by adoration.

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation: 4pm to 4.30pm.
Baptisms: By arrangement, please call Parish Office
Weddings: By arrangement with six months notice
Care for the Sick: Please call the presbytery.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: After weekday masses
Adoration: After Wednesday 7pm Mass.
Italian Prayer Group: Tuesday. 10am - Lower Parish Hall. *(currently cancelled until further restrictions ease)*

SAINTS and FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

SUNDAY 1st November:	All Saints Day (Solemnity)
MONDAY 2nd November:	All Souls Day
WEDNESDAY 4th November:	St Charles Borromeo (bishop)
MONDAY 9th November:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
TUESDAY 10th November:	St Leo the Great (Pope, doctor)
WEDNESDAY 11th November:	St Martin of Tours (bishop)
THURSDAY 12th November:	St Josaphat (bishop, martyr)
TUESDAY 17th November:	St Elizabeth of Hungary (religious)
SATURDAY 21st November:	The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary
SUNDAY 22nd November:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe
TUESDAY 24th November:	Sts Andrew Dung-Lac (priest) and companions, (martyrs)

FIRST READING Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31**A reading from the book of Proverbs**

A perfect wife – who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;

the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,

and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

WORD OF THE LORD.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 1 Thes 5:1-6**A reading from the first letter of the St Paul to the Thessalonians**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober. **WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15:4. 5**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL** Mt 25:1-13**A reading from the Holy Gospel according Matthew**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” **GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

We remember in our Masses

Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish: Y.P Ching, Therese Shmely, Iris Eagleson, Dyan Rivai, 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, Cindy Williams, John Heirlehy, Mary Maney, Chahid Hanna, Joseph Romain, Maura Turija, Betty Williams, Ampy Bollman, Mark & Merle Batterson, Ramon Alonzo, Rosalie Ferraren, David Sheumack, Claude & Jeanette Chidiac, Madeline Abouzeid,

Lord, we pray for our recently deceased especially: William Armando Carcia Carcamo, Alejandro Henriquez, Elizabeth Khoury, Celine Haykal, Mervyn Baldwin, Joyce Yip, Antonios Khoury Boulos Constantine, Eileen MaCarthy, Clara Baet, Wiyano Hindarto, Habib Safi, Youmana Farhart, Rolly Madrona, John James Lee, Maria Di Noia, Antointette Pace, Marie Varini, Clara Baet, Avelina Jimenez, **We also pray for all the Souls of the faithful departed:** Tony Abouzeid, Joubbran Joubbran, Joe Joubbran, Martinez Salazar families, Safi, Sabbagh, George, Allison, Coorey & McKenzie families, Sr. Fertuna Meskel, Meskel, Letai & Johannes, Concordia Daco, members of the Martinez Salazar families, Flovina Malubag, Rose Giampietro, Leodegario Enting Chan, Francesco Viterale, Maria & Jose Da Silva, Aaron Vidal, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, Shirley Gorrie, **We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Peter Samuel, Elizabetta Palazotto, Therese Nader, Seth Arulappen, Aline Marie-Jeanne **Lord Hear Us.**

HOW TO MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**1. PREPARE YOUR HEART for an encounter with Jesus**

Create a space where you will be able to pray quietly.

Focus on an image of Jesus and light a candle before .

Him. Make the Sign of the Cross.

2. READ

Slowly pray the readings for Mass of the Day. These can be found in the Missal or on the Universalis App.

3. RECITE THE PRAYER for spiritual communion.

Recite the prayer below slowly, meditating carefully on each word.

Believe that Jesus will give you the grace of a real encounter with Him.

4. SILENCE

Remain in silence for some moments, with Jesus in your heart.

Allow Him to love you and to nourish your soul.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.