

Churches reopened

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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:

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(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.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

7/8th November

This weekend we invite you to support the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Donations to this appeal help fund 6 agencies, (CatholicCare, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Ephpheta Centre, Seminaries and Chaplaincies). These agencies represent the breadth of the charitable and pastoral missions of the Sydney Archdiocese. If you would like to contribute to this appeal we will have a third collection at each mass or you may wish to take an envelope home and return with your contribution next weekend. **Any donation over \$2 is tax deductible and receipts will be issued for the 2020/21 financial year.** Donations to this appeal also help our parish meet it's annual Charitable Works Fund quota. Your support to this appeal is greatly appreciated.

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.



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Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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: 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 *(cancelled until further notice)*

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 Wis 6:12-16**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

WORD OF THE LORD.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 1 Thes 4:13-18**A reading from the first letter of the St Paul to the Thessalonians**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

WORD OF THE LORD.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 24:42. 44**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

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

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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, Anthony George, Carmel Moses, Antonio Ramos, Vitorina Ramos, Maria Morias **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.