



Easing of Restrictions and Masses

With the easing of restrictions our parish will resume celebrating the usual Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am and Wednesday evenings at 7pm from **Tuesday 26th October, 2021 and the usual weekend Masses from Saturday 30th October.**

Please be aware at this stage the following NSW Health regulations will apply:

- **COVID check-in is required via the Service NSW App.**
- **the 4 sqm rule will apply. (only 100 people)**
- **social distancing**
- **hand sanitising on entry**
- **masks must be worn indoors.**
- **no congregational singing,**

People who are especially vulnerable, or anxious at this stage are free to remain at home and participate in the live-streaming of Masses either from the cathedral and other parishes.

From **Wednesday 1st December, 2021** there will be no difference between the Covid safety requirements for all NSW citizens.

Please be aware at this stage the following NSW Health regulations will apply:

- **COVID check-in is required via the Service NSW App.**
- **2sqm rule will apply. (only 200 people)**
- **This rule applies to weddings and funerals.**
- **Masks will not be required** inside a church (though some people may wish to wear a mask for added protection).
- **hand sanitising on entry**

Due to these restrictions limiting mass attendance we will reintroduce the 5pm Mass on Sundays until further notice.

This will start on Sunday 31st October, 2021.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to our Church, however, we need to comply with all the NSW Health regulations in order for us to keep each other safe and healthy.

We also need to be mindful that many of us are still anxious and concerned. Therefore, we need to work together as a Parish community and try to live the Gospel values when we are present here at St Mel's.

Support Your Parish Online

May I take this opportunity to thank those who have been supporting our Parish during the extensive lockdown. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

- You can choose to make a donation online at our parish website at: www.stmelscampsie.org.au and click on the **Support Us** icon and follow the prompts.

OR

- You may already be a current envelope giver. We ask that when we are able to re-open you return your weekly contributions.
- You may choose to become a credit card giver. Credit card donations are still processed monthly during this time. If you are an envelope giver and would like to change to credit card, please contact the parish office and leave a message and we will get back to you.

One again, thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish.

God Bless, Fr. Anthony

This Catholic Life podcast on euthanasia with Archbishop Fisher

As one of the world's leading bioethicists, Archbishop Fisher is widely respected for his contribution to public debate on pro-life issues such as euthanasia. Archbishop Fisher will speak specifically about some of his deep concerns about the proposed euthanasia laws in NSW in an episode of the popular podcast, *This Catholic Life*, which will be available from Thursday 14 October here:

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/category/podcasts/>

Stop Proposed Euthanasia Laws in our State

Parishioners are encouraged to please contact our local NSW MP, expressing your opposition to the voluntary assisted dying bill, proposed by the Independent MP Alex Greenwich.

The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The tool is available here: <https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition 2108 ocp nsw>

10th October, 2021

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



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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
Sunday: **5pm** (starting 31st October until further notice)
Weekdays: 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, (8.30am Rosary)
Wednesday: 7pm followed by adoration.

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation: 4pm to 4.30pm Saturday.
Baptisms: By arrangement, please call Parish Office or download an application from the Parish website at www.stmelcampsie.org.au
Weddings: By arrangement with six months notice
Care for the Sick: Please call the presbytery.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: 8.30am every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Rosary via Zoom: 10am every Monday/ Wednesday /Thursday and Friday
7pm Tuesday Rosary via zoom. (link avail on our website)
Adoration: After Wednesday 7pm Mass.
First Friday Adoration: Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and Rosary. (restarts 5th NOV)

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Friday 1st October: St Therese of the Child Jesus (Virgin, doctor)
Saturday 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels
Monday 4th October St Francis of Assisi
Tuesday 5th October: St Faustina Kowalska (virgin)
Wednesday 6th October: St Bruno (priest)
Thursday 7th October: Our Lady of The Rosary
Friday 15th October: St Teresa of Jesus (virgin, doctor)
Monday 18th October: St Luke (evangelist) Feast
Thursday 28th October: Sts Simon and Jude (apostles) Feast

FIRST READING Wis 7:7-11**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

WORD OF THE LORD.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) *Fill us wit your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.
(R.)

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Heb 4:12-13**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

WORD OF THE LORD.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 5:3**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!**GOSPEL** Mk 10:17-30**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

GOSPEL OF THE LORD**The Loving Gaze***By Fr Michael Tate.*

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

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We remember in our Masses

Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish. We also pray for all the Souls of the faithful departed: Lennox Lolesio, Leodegario Enting Chan, Francesco Viterale, Georges Azzi, Tony Laban, Yvonne Hallo, Semaan Gorges, Francesco Viterale, Jamil Moussa, Peter & Remy Karam, Michael & Zakia Karam, Herbie Lahood, Barry Stanton, Michael Risk, Tony & Victor Karam, Joseph & Halema Moussa, Jhot-tos & Rosemont Moses, Budwaiy Hanna Karam, Estephan & Antoine, Zaki Abood, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, **We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Alex Henriquez, Maria Odete Da Silva, Hend El-Daher, Ramez & Rada Constantine, Frank Stanton, Nadia Green, Annie Samuel, Frank Samuel, Vince Samuel, Ron Coorey, Merchard George, **Lord Hear Us.**

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the Liturgical Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary is celebrated annually on the 7th October. During the month of October in our Parish of St Mel's we will be reciting the Holy Rosary Monday to Friday at 10am and Tuesday evenings at 7pm. We invite you to participate in the Rosary via a zoom Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: (meeting ID: 649 8144 9272)

Password: Rosary**<https://scscatholic.zoom.us/j/64981449272?pwd=WkdQaGpIWnVYWnROV25wVUEzbnk95QT09>****Year of St Joseph
2020-2021**

To perpetuate the entrustment of the Church to St. Joseph, Pope Francis has established a Year of St. Joseph from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions - sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions - who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph by way of the following:

- Recite a legitimate prayer or act of piety in honour of St. Joseph especially on 19 March, 1 May, on the 19th of every month, and on every Wednesday, the day dedicated to the Saint.
- Pray the Holy Rosary in the home, or as an engaged couple, so that the atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family, will reside in Christian families also.
- Contemplate the Lord's Prayer for at least 30 minutes, or participate in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- Entrust their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and invoke the intercession of the Worker of Nazareth so that those seeking work can find employment befitting human dignity

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.