



Easing of Restrictions and Masses

With the easing of restrictions our parish will resume celebrating the usual Massed 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

17th October, 2021

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



St Mel's Parish

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Feast Day: 6th February

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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](http://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 Is 53:10-11**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

WORD OF THE LORD.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Heb 4:14-16**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

WORD OF THE LORD.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Mk 10:35-45**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

GOSPEL OF THE LORD**Gospel Reflection**

by Greg Sunter.

James and John are effectively calling 'shotgun' on the best seats at the table! When they ask to sit at the left and right hand of Jesus, they are asking Jesus to name them as his deputies. They're looking to secure for themselves positions of power and authority. The only problem is that they have a completely messed up idea of what it means for Jesus to enter into his glory. For several weeks now, we have been exploring a theme from the Gospel of Mark that follows a physical journey towards Jerusalem as well as a symbolic and theological journey towards what is going to occur in Jerusalem – Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Throughout this journey, Jesus has been trying to prepare the disciples for what is to come and educate them about what it really means to be a disciple of his. Three times Jesus tells the disciples explicitly what lies ahead. Each time the disciples fail to grasp what Jesus tells them. Despite occasional glimpses of insight, the disciples still believe that Jesus is going to rise up as a political or military figure. In a complete dismissal of this sort of thinking, Jesus declares quite forcefully that leadership of this sort is not what he intends for himself, nor for those who follow him.

Leadership in the Jesus model is about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don't demand it; they don't bully; they don't play power games. People simply want to follow their example.

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.