



## **Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Parish**

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**WEEKEND MASSES HAVE BEEN  
TEMPORARY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE  
COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

### ***Our Vision***

*We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.*

**28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2020**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Year A**

**Please have a look at [SSPP.org.au](http://SSPP.org.au) for this weekends**

**Mass of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.**

My Dear Friends,

The current situation with Covid 19 , as you know, is changing on a daily basis. With every News Conference, our lives change, people lose jobs, the way we live our lives change. Our country and indeed the world is in crisis. This is a challenging time for all of us . Let us take this time, especially if you are restricted to your home, to come together as a family – in prayer and solidarity with one another. Let us respond to what is happening right now with love and charity in our hearts. A lot of people are going through so much , having lost so much. Continue to keep them all in your prayers as I will continue to keep you all in my daily prayers.

Our young children especially would be so frightened and confused of the changing world around time. People in face masks, people restricted to their home, roads in some areas almost deserted, not being able to do their “Normal thing during the holidays”. If we are scared of the situation, what must they be feeling. Let us ensure that we are there to support them during this time, remind them that God is still here for them and will continue to be here for them.

At this time, as you know, as directed by the Federal Government, Church's are to remain closed for the time being. I know that a lot of you feel that the church should remain open for private reflection, but we do have to comply with the Governments directive. We have to be mindful that the majority of our congregation are vulnerable to this virus and we should as a community do our best to protect them by complying with what is asked of us. In view of this, I encourage you to set a time with our family each day, to pray. “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Perhaps this simplicity in the practice of our faith, will allow us to reconnect with Christ in our fast-paced and ever more changing and secular society.

We are currently exploring ways in which we can bring you a digital daily mass, and as soon as we come up with a solution, we will advise the community of the outcome. If any of you would like to participate in a daily mass, please let Fr Jerald or the Parish Office know. We will however continue, as long as possible , to upload weekend masses and especially Easter Reflections. Keep a lookout for these on our website.

There will be a limited newsletter issued each week with updates , so please check our website **on [sspp.org.au](http://www.sspp.org.au)**. For those of you who have provided the parish with your email address on census cards or by other means, updates and newsletters will be sent to you on a regular basis. If you do not want to receive this information in this way, please let the Parish Office know.

I know that this is a hard and unsettling time for all of us, but please know that I constantly have you all in my prayers daily. Things might be changing around us, but I will still be here for you all. With God's grace, we will come out of this as much stronger people of Faith.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr Jerald.

### **Prayers of the Community**

**Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently: especially and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially** Myrtle and James Mullins, Linda Stocco, Rev Fr John Heffey, Pasqua Serruto, Jesus Herrero, Aalia Marcos, Cruz Marcos, Luigi Ricciotti, Ion Dadarlat, David Larkin, Rosie Volpi, Alessandro Giussani, Pasqua Serruto, Angelo Riccioni, Giovanni Bassita Riccioni, Elvira Ercolani, Kasnawi Siaril, Tanya Balnaves, Michelina Coviello, Concetta Salvatore, Olwyn Ryan, Giuseppe Monterosso, Betty Salm, Noel Patirck Walsh.

**For those who are sick:** Paul O'Connor, Emily Patrikis, Madeline Gilmore, Dan McMahon, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny and Alice Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Mary Ritus, Lois Norton Old, Salaka Hewamaduma, Priyanthi Perera, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks, Joyce Foo, Peter Wilkinson, Anthony Calcagno, Audrey O'Connor, Tai Thomas, Pat Carty, Khok Hong Tan, Choi Yeng Chew, Marie and Graham Simpson, Catherine Poon, Ann Weerappah, Bronwyn Burke, Filomena Fusco, Carmenza Cruz, Alicia Nivia, Frank Prendergast, Joan O'Hanrahan, Pauline Smit, Remi Vulich, Mary Tancredi, Irma Ciccotelli, Jovina Ebell, Gina Ciriaco, Dr Hong Nguyen, Cesare Iozzi, Ian Stuart.

### **Please note:**

- During this period the Parish Office will close early at 2.00pm
- If we are in a position of a lock down, please do call 0473 873 479 in the case of an emergency.

### **Acknowledgement to Country**

In the spirit of reconciliation, St Peter and Paul's acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land we all now share. For thousands of years they raised their families , maintained their culture and sustainedly managed this sacred land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

### **Our Commitment To Ensure A Child Safe Environment For All**

Our parish is committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment within our parish. We are adopting the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy developed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and will be working to implement and communicate the policy over the coming months. Please visit our parish website <http://www.sspp.org.au> / <http://www.ourladyofthepineschurch.org/> [delete as appropriate] for more details on the policy, and how you can help ensure the safety of children and young people in our community.

**Prayer to St Joseph –  
under whose patronage the Archbishop has placed this time of crisis.**

*St Joseph,*

*A*  
**PRAYER**  
*to*  
**ST JOSEPH**

You were receptive to God working in your life.  
Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.  
You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:  
may your prayers assist our local Church to respond  
to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:  
help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity:  
assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:  
may we be mindful of others, particularly the  
elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these  
difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all  
history and every situation: help us to grow in faith  
and pray to the Father; *Thy will be done.*

Amen



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MELBOURNE