



## **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.*

### **Palm Sunday – Year A**

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2020**

**Please have a look at [sspp.org.au](http://sspp.org.au) for a link to our live streaming of  
Palm Sunday Mass at 5pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April**

My Dear Friends,

We have had another week of uncertainty and sadness, with the death of so many of our brothers and sisters around the world from Covid 19, which has been the cause of much anxiety for many. The media coverage, while helpful in promoting public awareness, has understandably added to levels of anxiety in the broader community. During this uncertain times, my prayers for all of you continue unabated.

Please continue to remember all the vulnerable in our community who might need help both emotionally and practically. Please remember to call those that you know, check that they are OK. Maintaining Mental health during this time of isolation is important. Please remember that as part of our parish support through this difficult period Neal Murphy has made himself available to offer support on a spiritual perspective through counsel and prayer as required. Neal is a Mental Health First Aid facilitator and also has a masters degree in pastoral counselling. Neal can be contacted through his work number on 0401 136 207.

While our masses have temporarily been suspended, we will however be commencing daily morning Mass via Zoom Video Conferencing. If you would be interested in joining this daily Mass, please do contact the Parish Office. With Holy Week next week, we have also been busy preparing for the Easter Triduum. While we will be celebrating differently this year, let us still remember Jesus' sacrifice for us with as much reverence as if we were at Mass itself. Let us take this time to pray as a family and reflect on the Sacrifices that Jesus made for us. May I suggest that you prepare a table for your family to gather around for prayer and reflection. There are a lot of resources available on the Archdiocese website, Caritas also has a good resource –

- <https://www.caritas.org.au/welcome/caritas-australia-resource-hub> a few others are
- Melbourne Catholic also has good resources for Holy week - <https://mailchi.mp/cam.org.au/christmas-blessings-from-the-cam-communications-office-912193?e=4dc026e782>

We will be live streaming a few of our Masses. Details of which are in this newsletter. All of the links will be available on our Website. For Good Friday however, there will be a Good Friday Reflection at 3pm. The link to this will also be available on our website during the week. Please do share this information with all those who you think will be interested in joining us for our Masses and Reflection.

During this time of isolation, the Parish Office will be opened for a limited time during the week. The office will be opened on Mondays from 9am to 5pm and on Friday's from 9am to 3pm. During the other days, our staff will be working from home and can be contacted by our usual email of **doncastereast@cam.org.au** or on **0473 873 479**. During this uncertain time, should you need to speak with me outside of the revised temporary office hours, please do contact me on 0473 873 479. I would like to encourage you to share this Newsletter with all those on your contact list who is connected to SSPP in some way. In this way we will be able to reach out to as many people as possible.

I wish you all a good week whilst in isolation. Keep safe and know that our good Lord is with you all always. You will continue to be in my prayers.

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, Khek 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:**

- Please note our temporary revised opening hours of Monday from 9am -5pm Friday from 9am-3pm
- On all other days the office and Fr Jerald can still be contacted on 0473 873 479.

### **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 sustainably managed this sacred land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

### **Daily Mass**

Daily mass is being celebrated, with attendance by parishioners digitally via Zoom video conferencing. If you would like to participate, please contact the Parish Office during the revised office hours or send an email to Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au.

### **Holy Week Services**

Please note the schedule below for online Holy Week Services. Services can be accessed via our parish website on <http://www.sspp.org.au>

- Palm Sunday Mass will be streamed live on Sat 4th April at 5pm, and available for on-demand viewing after.
- Holy Thursday Mass will be streamed live on Thurs 9th April at 5pm, and available for on-demand viewing after.
- Good Friday reflection video available for viewing on our parish Website
- Easter Vigil Mass will be streamed live on Saturday 11th April at 5pm, and available for on-demand viewing after.

**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**