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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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th and 12th of July 2020 – Year A



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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07 July 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

Today's decision to place metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire areas back into Stage 3 lockdown for the next six weeks from 11.59pm Wednesday 8 July is sobering news. It is truly disheartening, and will bring renewed distress to so many families and individuals.

These words from Psalm 22 have come immediately to my mind (words that were on the lips of Jesus as he was crucified): *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.* (Ps 22.1-2)

Yet, I want to encourage you in grace, trusting in the abiding closeness of our loving Lord, who promised to be with us always.

In returning to Stage 3 restrictions in those specific areas, sadly the public celebration of Mass, which we have only just re-commenced, will need to go back to live-streaming ; churches will need to be closed again to any private prayer; and the numbers allowed for funerals and weddings will be severely limited.

Now is a time for attentiveness to the care of one another. In the face of our own despondency and fears, our fatigue and anxieties, may we learn to hold firm in faith and hope, and experience sustaining moments of love. As the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews encouraged: *Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works.* (Heb 24.10)

Friends, while the Psalmist knew struggle and pain, there were also words of confidence that came from the heart: *In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.* (Ps 22.4-5)

May our Lord Jesus be with you, and may His Blessed Mother accompany us all.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

Message from Fr Jerald

My fellow parishioners,

The latest shutdown has been a great blow for many of us. Just as we could see some light emerging, we have been plunged again into the darkness. Ultimately however, the safety and well being of all of us, especially the vulnerable in our society has to be first and foremost. Whilst we can't be together again for a few weeks, please know that you are all constantly in my prayer. Please keep me in yours.

I will continue to have our Tues to Sat 9.00am Zoom masses and our weekend video masses will still be available.

For the safety and well being of our staff, we will be closing the parish office for the time being. You can still contact us on doncastereast@cam.org.au or on the Parish mobile of 0473 873 479.

I wish you all a safe week ahead. For emergencies, please contact the parish office and I will get back to you.

Parish AGM

Our parish AGM, scheduled for 22 March 2020 had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the gradual easing of restrictions, our AGM report will now be available online, and hard copies are available for pick up from the Narthex. Parishioners are invited to go through the report and provide us with comments, questions or suggestions. All responses received will be compiled and responded to when we re-convene the AGM (hopefully some time in July or August).

In addition, the Parish Pastoral Council is in need of new members. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself onto the Council, you can also do so through the avenues listed below. If you would like to find out more about our Council, contact Fr Jerald or Cheryl our pastoral worker at the email address below.

We look forward to receiving inputs from parishioners across the spectrum.

To access our AGM report, go to <https://www.sspp.org.au/agm-report/>

Provide your comments, questions, or suggestions by 12 July 2020 in any of the following ways:

- Email Cheryl at Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au
- Go to our Online web form at <https://www.sspp.org.au/2020-agm-report-feedback/> to submit your comments
- Postal or physical drop to the parish office, attention to Cheryl Tay

Stewardship Envelopes

The New set of Stewardship Envelopes have now been posted out to all parishioners who were not able to pick their new sets up. Please look out for them over the next few days.

Week 3 of the Launch of SsPP One in a Hundred Appeal for 2020-21

Many thanks to the 44 supporters who have now committed to support the 2020-21 Appeal. We are moving forward, but it will be a challenge also in this Covid-19 time to rise to the totals of recent years, when \$A10,000 pa was the target usually achieved. Please respond in the most kind and generous way that you can, especially if you are new to this Appeal, as more donors are needed.

Assisting the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion Jerusalem and their Local Children's Education Fund, is the means of providing scholarships for the education of children of needy Palestinian families, who are currently unemployed and in lockdown. The good Sisters have 30 families on their books with the children to benefit in the sixties.

We are looking for contributions of either \$120 as an annual, six monthly of \$60, or monthly of \$10.

If you can help please contact Harry Martin for further details on Mob. 0421 770 498 or by Email to hmmartin@optusnet.com.au.

Prayers of the Community

Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently: especially Edward and Nazareth Anthony and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Basil

Quihampton, John Collins, Norina Faccin, Mauri Michaela, Nick Carapellotti, Francesoc Micelotta, Byron Murphy, Margaret O'Callaghan, Reginald Kaine, Sebastian Coffa, Joseph Lim and Felly Martis **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, Tai Thomas, Pat Carty, Khek Hong Tan, Choi Yeng Chew, Marie Simpson, Catherine Poon, Ann Weerappah, Bronwyn Burke, Filomena Fusco, Carmenza Cruz, Alicia Nivia, Frank Prendergast, Joan O'Hanrahan, Mary Tancredi, Irma Ciccotelli, Jovina Ebell, Gina Giracona, Dr Hong Nguyen, Cesare Iozzi, Ian Stuart, Carlos Caballero and Sharon Rodrigo, Margaret Ng, Richard Woodgate Climaco, Carmen Climaco and Sandra Gonzales.

Parish Office

The Parish office will remain shut until further advice is received and employees will be working from home. We can still be contacted via our Parish Mobile of 0473873479 or on Doncastereast@cam.org.au. Thank you for your patience during this time.

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.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and for concern for the well being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us peace.

Jesus Christ, Heal us.

