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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.*

## **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 – Year A**

### **THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS (Matthew 13: 24–30, 36–43)**

The parable of the weeds is another allegory. In other words, it can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, everything in the story represents something else.

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a person who sows good seed in a field.

While he sleeps, an enemy comes and sows weeds among the wheat. This would have meant that the two grew up together and their roots would have intertwined.

The sower would not have noticed what the enemy had done until the plants began to grow and produce grain. The owner explains to his slaves that an enemy must have planted weeds. He instructs them to do nothing until harvest time, if they did anything before then it would risk uprooting the grain.

The owner says that at harvest time the reapers will collect the weeds first, bind them into bundles and burn them. The wheat will then be gathered and brought into the barn.

In this allegory, the sower is Jesus and the enemy is the Devil.

The good seed represents people who listen to and respond to God's word. These are the people who belong to the Kingdom of God and who will go to Heaven at the end of time.

The weeds represent those people who do not listen to God's word, they are "sons of the evil one" who will go to the fiery furnace of hell at the end of time.

The harvest workers are the angels and harvest time is the end of the age.

This means that on Earth, good and bad people will grow and live together. The Kingdom of God will be present amongst the evil of the world. At the end of time people will be separated into their eternal destiny.

## **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 [donvale@cam.org.au](mailto:donvale@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.

## **Unite in Prayer Every Tues at 8pm**

Come together in prayer every Tuesday at 8pm, for the joint intentions of finding effective solutions to the pandemic, and for public masses to resume. The Lord said "Whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven." [Matt 18: 19]

You are welcome to pray in any of the following ways:

- Join with others in a 30min Zoom online prayer session by clicking on the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82880786051?pwd=c1ppOHRQsXJIWWpTZG55b0czd0JwUT09> or entering Meeting ID: 828 8078 6051 and Password: 3rAVW0
- pray with family members or friend over the phone
- pray on your own

You can use the suggested prayer which is on our website and the link to this prayer will also be included in our Mailchimp mailout at the weekend. Together in prayer and faith, we will overcome this adversity.

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## **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](mailto:Doncastereast@cam.org.au). Thank you for your patience during this time.

### **Week 4 of the Launch of SsPP One in a Hundred Appeal for 2020-21**

While only a little progress has been made this week, thanks to each of the 4 who have boosted the number of commitments to 48 to date.

The challenge in this Covid-19 time is still to rise to the totals of recent years, when \$A10,000 pa was the target, but appreciating the unique stresses many are experiencing and the many calls for your assistance. This is the last of the current email campaign, but looking forward to when we are all again meeting face to face at Mass and more can then be said.

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.

**Please respond in the most kind and generous way that you can, especially if you are new to this Appeal - more donors are definitely needed.**

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](mailto:hmmartin@optusnet.com.au).

### **Prayers of the Community**

**Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently: especially Edward and Nazareth**

**Antohy and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially** Maria Viglione, Giuseppina Zuccala, Maxwell Murphy, William Bourke, Diana Barton, Frances Clare Rigby, Herbert Walliss, Mary Castles, Margaret Healy, Jean Manders, Beryl Blackburn,

**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, Richard Woodgate Climaco, Carmen Climaco and Sandra Gonzales.

### **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.

