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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.*

## **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 – Year A**

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

Fr Jerald would like you to join us in prayer every Tuesday at 8.00pm, where together as a community we can bring forth our intentions for the resolution to this Covid pandemic and for the resumption of our public masses. 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=c1ppOHRQsXJIWwPzZG55b0czd0JwUT09> 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.**

### **Rosary every Friday Night at 8.00pm**

With effect from Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, we will be holding a Rosary on Zoom at 8.00pm every Friday for our own intentions and for the end to this Covid Pandemic and for all of our Brothers and Sisters who have been affected in some way. The Zoom link is below and we look forward to you joining us.

#### **Friday Rosary Link 8.00pm**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09>**

### **Would you like to speak with Fr Jerald**

Would you like to get in touch with Fr Jerald for a chat or some spiritual guidance?

Fr Jerald will always make himself available where he can. Please just get in touch with the parish office on 0473 873 479 or [donvale@cam.org.au](mailto:donvale@cam.org.au)

## Message from Fr Jerald

My fellow parishioners, over the last few weeks, things have been changing constantly everyday. Unfortunately now we find ourselves in Stage 4 Lockdowns. Even more people will be isolated, and even more businesses will be effected. Everyday we are hearing about people who have lost their lives and our thoughts and prayers are with the families that have lost loved ones. Could I ask you all to be especially aware of those in our community who are vulnerable and if you can, give them a call. I would like to encourage all of you to stay safe at home whilst this storm is raging around us. Whilst we can't be together again 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](mailto: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.

## Refresh Your Understanding of the Holy Mass – over 9 Tues beginning 18th Aug, 10.30 – 11.30am online over Zoom

While we may not be able to gather together for mass for the moment, our parish is facilitating a series of 9 online sessions for those wishing to refresh and renew their understanding of the Holy Mass. The sessions will centre around watching and reflecting on a series of short videos on the different parts of the mass by Jeff Cavins, and sharing of our reflections thereafter. Jeff Cavins is an American Catholic evangelist, author, and biblical scholar. He is the creator of The Great Adventure Bible Study program and Director Emeritus and teacher at the Catechetical Institute at the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Please email [cheryl.tay@cam.org.au](mailto:cheryl.tay@cam.org.au) by Wed 12 Aug to register your interest.

If you'd like to participate but the timing is not suitable, please fill in the form in this link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbjPFBPNCLDSFe7XpH7AcMwNz9yZ-IKT6CFCNujD4VwAoig/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbjPFBPNCLDSFe7XpH7AcMwNz9yZ-IKT6CFCNujD4VwAoig/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Confirmation of Links for Zoom Masses

It has been brought to our attention that there has been some confusion on the Zoom Links for our Weekday Masses and our Unite in Prayer Tue Mass. To alleviate any further confusion on this matter please find below confirmation of the relevant links for our Zoom masses.

### **Weekday Masses:-**

Daily Mass, Tues – Sat, 9am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSni0Zz09>

### **Unite in Prayer session:-**

Tuesdays at 8.00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82880786051?pwd=c1ppOHRQsXJIWWpTZG55b0czd0JwUT09>

### **Friday Night Rosary Link:-**

Friday Rosary Link Friday 8.00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSni0Zz09>

## Thoughts on this weeks Gospel

A very different Gospel today. Jesus walks on water. It's the type of gospel that suits a decision time, it a time of deep trust , its an invitation to come to the water; not to be afraid. Today's Gospel is about trusting in Jesus when there is nothing else. If you have human help, it's great – but not the same as trusting in God. Why – because “I am the way and the truth.”. Old age can be the same, or times of life when we just don't know what the future will hold or times of illness. We meet it regularly.

Sounds strange but what Jesus does in this situation is very human — not a lecture, but holding hands! Someone was given a book on bereavement once – he said he needed a hand to be held, or tears to be heard. That's Jesus. He held Peter .....God is a God with skin, with a human heart, and leaves all sorts of big ideas behind when we are in trouble. Jesus just went across the lake, stopping his comfortable prayer.

Another time Peter would jump into the lake again – after the resurrection! Then he would be asked not just to hold a hand, but to be the hand that would reach out to others.

Peter was prepared for his mission in many ways, as Pope Francis says – “When the Lord wants to give us a mission, wants to give us a task, He prepares us. He prepares us to do it well.”He prepares each of us for our mission, always with us in our efforts to live in love and service of him.

### Expression of Interest for Sacrament of Reconciliation Classes

Expression of interest is now being taken for preparation classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Classes is for children in Grade 3 and above, studying in schools not offering sacramental preparation. Pending the lifting of restrictions on gatherings in Metropolitan Melbourne, classes are projected to be run on Sundays at 10am around late Sept / early Oct. The completion of this Sacrament is a pre-requisite to proceed on to preparation classes for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please email [cheryl.tay@cam.org.au](mailto:cheryl.tay@cam.org.au) to register your interest.

### Prayers of the Community

**Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently: especially Lee Huang Chiu and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially** Bruce Cormack, Sandra and Jack Tobin, Ng Ying Luen, Christina Kaine, Elsie Staig, Angela Majeric, Azar Dehghani, Angelo Trenta, Ng Buan Seng, Joseph Pawliszyn, Don Hammond, Pawla Buttiegieg, Carmela Pellegrino

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

## 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.

