



## **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.*

## **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<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=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.**

### **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 effected in some way. The Zoom link is below and we look forward to you joining us.

**Friday Rosary Link Friday 8.00pm**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnI0Zz09>**

### **Father's Day Tribute**

While we are unable to celebrate it physically as a parish community and hand out our token of appreciation to fathers and father-figures this year, our parish has set up a tribute page on our website to share our appreciation for our fathers virtually. In celebration of Father's Day on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, we invite you to pen your heartfelt thanks, wishes or tribute to your father on this special occasion. Your wishes / tribute will appear on the page after our website administrator has vetted through the submission. They will also be included into our weekend mass on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. We look forward to hearing about your wonderful fathers.

## Message from Fr Jerald

My fellow parishioners, we are now 2 weeks into this current lockdown and the figures are still disturbing. Please continue all your prayer. Could I ask you all to continue 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**

This Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> Aug, we begin our series of 9 online sessions to refresh and renew our 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. Please email [cheryl.tay@cam.org.au](mailto:cheryl.tay@cam.org.au) for login details if you'd like to join. 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/1FAIpQLScbjPfbPNCLDSFe7XpH7AcMwNZz9yZ-IKT6CFCNujD4VwAoig/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbjPfbPNCLDSFe7XpH7AcMwNZz9yZ-IKT6CFCNujD4VwAoig/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## **Summary of Parish Zoom Events**

The following is a summary of the Zoom links for our daily mass and other events. Those without the Zoom software can now join in [with audio inputs only] by dialling 7018 2005 on your telephone, and then following the audio prompts to enter the relevant meeting ID and dial-in passcode using the phone key pad.

### ***Weekday Mass, Tues – Sat, 9am***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTNIWkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 259 756 4312

Online passcode: 689922

Dial-in passcode: 689922

### ***Unite in Prayer session, Tuesdays at 8.00pm***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82880786051?pwd=c1ppOHRQsXJlWWptZG55b0czd0JwUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 8078 6051

Online passcode: 3rAVW0

Dial-in passcode: 064570

### ***Friday Night Rosary, Fridays, 8.00pm***

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Meeting ID: 259 756 4312

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### **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)

### **Thoughts on this weeks Gospel**

In life, especially at the moment, we are facing a hardship that could weaken our faith. It appears at times that our prayers are not being answered and just goes into thin air. We could be deflated by the fact that our prayers, no matter how strongly we pray and believe, in not being answered. It feels like defeat, and it is staring us straight in the face. How do we continue to maintain our faith?

When we look at the request of the Canaanite woman, we would have thought that Jesus would have been instinctive in his response to her, especially as he was asking not for herself, but for her daughter. But instead, "He answered her not a word". The Canaanite woman surely did not expect this. His disciples did not help by asking Jesus to send her away. This is not the Jesus that we know!

By testing the faith of the Canaanite woman, he was testing that "her faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, thought it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honour and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:7). In fact, Jesus wanted His disciples to learn a very important lesson. The power of faith. Faith that everytime we pray for something, the answer is already on its way before we can even ask God. Even when it is a mere atom in our thoughts. We just need to trust God's timetable and infinite wisdom that he will answer according to His will.

We all need to have a legacy of faith. Just like the Canaanite woman, who by her

### **Expression of Interest for Sacrament of Reconciliation Classes**

Expression of interest is now being taken for preparation classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Classes are 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 run on Sundays at 10am in Oct / Nov, with the actual Sacrament held in December. 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.

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

## Prayers of the Community

**Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently: especially Margaret Higgins and Lois Norton Old for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially** Margaret Cotter, Agnes Ling, Jenifer Jasinska, Beryl Treacy, Kitty Fernandez, Gracy Zarb, Nunzion and Antonietta Salvatore, Flora Coops, Carlo Del Tatto, Ron Carty, Alvise Brosola, Emanuel Saliba, Noira Kitch

**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, 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, Sandra Gonzales and Sue Higgins

### 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.

