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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENTON ON FRIDAYS**

in the future, Fr Vittorio will be available for the individual confessions also by appointment, but every Saturday, at 10.30am, will be dedicated to the confessions. There will be **no Mass** **anymore** **on Saturday morning, except for important solemnities.**

Furthermore, from next Friday, 15 January 2021, the exposition of the blessed sacrament after the 9.00 am Mass will be re-established as normal.

**GOVERNMENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING OUR MASSES**

The restrictions relating to Church gatherings as they currently affect us are:

1. The numbers who can attend Mass in our Church are now 100. This is based on the Government’s formula of one person for every four-square metres of floor space.
2. Masks are **not** required to be worn in Church (**but** social distancing **must be** observed).
3. Social distancing (1.5 m separation) must be observed during movement into and seating in the Church and our pews have been marked accordingly to assist.
4. Attendance/contact rolls must be maintained as is presently the case.
5. We have, as many parishioners now attending Mass know, continued to have a "Duty Officer" in the Narthex to take bookings and record attendees details as required. This has been done to avoid bottlenecks on entry to the Church.
6. Our attendances are increasing in numbers which will mean it is important that Parishioners register for Mass at the entrance of the Narthex to guarantee that they have a seat at the Mass of their choice. Just turning up means you could be turned away if the nominated Church capacity of 100 has been reached.

Collection bowls are located in the main aisle for the Thanksgiving collection and the Presbytery collection. Thank you to all who have helped financially over this difficult year.

**MASS TIMES**

We have now resumed all our weekday Masses (Monday to Friday at 9am, excluding Saturday morning) together with Masses on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9am and 10:30am. **At the entrance of the Narthex somebody will write your name, in order to keep the tracking record.** In this Christmastide Masses will be as follows:

**Saturday 23 January 6:00pm Mass 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 24 January 9:00am Mass 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 24 January 10:30am Mass 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday 25 January 9:00am Mass 3rd Week in Ordinary Time**

**Tuesday 26 January 9:00am Mass 3rd Week in Ordinary Time**

**Wednesday 27 January 9:00am Mass 3rd Week in Ordinary Time**

**Thursday 28 January 9.00am Mass 3rd Week in Ordinary Time**

**Friday 29 January 9:00am Mass 3rd Week in Ordinary Time**

 **and exposition of the blessed sacrament**

**Saturday 30 January 6:00pm Mass** **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 31 January 9:00am Mass 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 31 January 10:30am Mass 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

All Sunday Masses will still continue to be broadcast on Zoom (login via the Parish website on [www.cam.org.au/hamptoneast](http://www.cam.org.au/hamptoneast)), until further notice. Weekday Masses will continue as normal **without Zoom.**

Follow the link on our Parish website for the liturgy and songs, including a copy of this bulletin.

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 **CONTACT TRACING**

In order to help reduce the clerical workload on the Parish the Archdiocese has helped in facilitating the introduction of a system for people who have so called “smart phones”. The system has been referred to as a “QR code for contact tracing” system. The “new system” would allow Parishioners with “smart phones to scan a code on entering the Church allowing this parishioner to enter their details (Christian Name, Surname, email address and Phone Number). While this system could perhaps reduce some of the clerical workload of the Parish, the current manual system would still have to be run in parallel for those without smart phones and bookings would still be recorded manually. The Parish will investigate this system after Christmas.

**MASS FOR TOMBOLO ACADEMY**

As Parishioners would be aware last year, we leased our vacant school to Tombolo Academy which is operated by KidsLikeUs (KLU) who work with “twice exceptional youth” (including gifted children with learning differences/disabilities) enabling them to achieve their potential in school and life.

On Monday 1 February the school opens for the 2021 school year and I am offering Mass at 9:00 (our regular Monday Mass) for the students, families and staff of Tombolo Academy to mark the commencement of the new school year. It is great to see our school buildings operating as a school once more. All are welcome to join us at this Mass.

Fr Vittorio

**REFLECTION ON 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JOHN 1:14-20**

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus’ birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus’ baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus’ public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus’ own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today’s Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus’ pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus’ preaching is greater than John’s. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus’ words and in the actions that follow. Jesus’ healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

Furthermore, Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them “fishers of men.” James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat. These are signs of a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession.

The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God’s kingdom?

**Mon: 25th Jan, THE CONVESION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE**

**Tue: 26th Jan, AUSTARLIAN DAY**

**Wed: 27th Jan, Ss. Timothy & Titus, Bishops and Martyrs**

**Thu: 28th Jan, St. Thomas D’Aquinas**

**Fri: 29th Jan, St. Aquilinus**

**Sat: 30th Jan, St. Martina**

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 17/01/2021 – $442.00**

**Loose Money: 17/01/2021 – $302.00**

**Once again thank you for your generosity. My dear Parishioner**

**This Friday 29 January 2021, there will be not Mass at 9.00am, because Fr Vittorio and Fr Crispino are concelabrating a funeral in the Cathedral with the Archbishop.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Joe Harb, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi, Gemma Foster, Victoria Foster; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison,; Rosa Maria Santos,Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**John McLean;** Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Connie Kilpatrick, Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, Vince Giglio, John Rivalland,Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez,Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Marie Rivalland; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.