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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 every Saturday at 10.30am. There will be **no Mass** **anymore** **on Saturday morning, except for important solemnities.**

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

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

The numbers who can attend Mass in our Church are now 4, plus the celebrant. This is based on the emergency “circuit breaker” announced by the Government on Friday 12 February 2021.

Restrictions will remain in place until 11:59pm Wednesday 17 February 2021, unless otherwise directed.

1. Places of worship must remain closed with the exception of live streaming of services and funerals (with limited numbers).
2. Fitted face coverings must be worn at all times (**and** social distancing **must be** observed).
3. Attendance/contact rolls must be maintained as is presently the case.

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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

The current restrictions will be in place for Ash Wednesday. As a result, the imposition of Ashes may be moved to the nearest opportunity for distribution once this period of restriction is finished. Further instructions will be forthcoming.

**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. In this time Masses will be as follows:

**Saturday 13 February 6:00pm Mass 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time on zoom**

**Sunday 13 February 9:00am Mass 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time on zoom**

**Sunday 14 February 10:30am Mass 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time on zoom**

**Monday 15 February 9:00am Mass 6th Week in Ordinary Time on zoom**

**Tuesday 16 February 9:00am Mass 6th Week in Ordinary Time on zoom**

**Wednesday 17 February 9:00am Mass Ash Wednesday normal mass on zoom**

 **Without imposition of ashes,**

 **fast and abstinence will be postponed**

**Thursday 18 February 9.00am Mass Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

**Friday 19 February 9:00am Mass Friday after Ash Wednesday**

 **and exposition of the blessed sacrament**

**Saturday 20 February 6:00pm Mass 1st Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 21 February 9:00am Mass 1st Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 21 February 10:30am Mass 1st Sunday of Lent**

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 the 17th of February 2021**.

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

All information about our Parish is on our website [www.cam.org.au/hamptoneast](http://www.cam.org.au/hamptoneast).

**EXTRA INCOME FOR OUR PARISH**

A few weeks ago we were approached by representatives of the television show “ The Block” seeking to use part of our outdoor grassed area for parking by tradesmen and staff for a period of five months while they filmed nearby. This was an opportunity for some extra income for our Parish and the parking area has been set up in an enclosed area that does not interfere with Parish life as vehicle access and exit to the parking is from Raynes Road and pedestrian exit is to Fewster Road. No vehicles come into our car parking or impact on the School now operating in our school buildings. Any questions about this arrangement can be directed to a member of the Finance Committee.

Father Vittorio

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**ASH WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2021 WILL BE POSTPONED**

**Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am and 6.00pm.**

**FAST & ABSTINANCE** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards. ***Further information is on the letter from the Vicar General in the Narthex.***

**LENT PROGRAM 2021**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD DURING THE SEASON OF LENT EVERY FRIDAY AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH**

**MORNING PRAYER**: Just a reminder to all the parishioners that, in Lent, from Monday **the 22nd of February 2021**, we are going to pray the ***Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours***, 15 minutes before the daily 9am Mass. Therefore, every day at 8.45am, excluding Saturday and Sunday, we will start the morning prayer of the Church, which will consist of the Invitatory Psalm, plus three Psalms recited, a short reading, the Benedictus, intercession, Our Father, and the final prayer.

**BE MORE: PROJECT COMPASSION 2021**

**Project Compassion Sunday 2021**

**14 February 2021**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Be More**”. Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world’s most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**REFLECTION ON 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Mark 1:40-45**

**Jesus hears our prayer**

Prayer *to Jesus* is answered by him already during his ministry, through signs that anticipate the power of his death and Resurrection: Jesus hears the prayer of faith, expressed in words (the leper, Jairus, the Canaanite woman, the good thief) or in silence (the bearers of the paralytic, the woman with a hemorrhage who touches his clothes, the tears and ointment of the sinful woman). The urgent request of the blind men, “Have mercy on us, Son of David” or “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” has been renewed in the traditional prayer to Jesus known as the *Jesus Prayer*: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!” Healing infirmities or forgiving sins, Jesus always responds to a prayer offered in faith: “Your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

St. Augustine wonderfully summarizes the three dimensions of Jesus’ prayer: “He prays for us as our priest, prays in us as our Head, and is prayed to by us as our God. Therefore let us acknowledge our voice in him and his in us.”

**Mon: 15th Feb, St. Claude de la Colombiere**

**Tue: 16th Feb, St. Jeremy**

**Wed: 17th Feb, ASH WEDNESDAY (FAST and ABSTINENCE)**

**Thu: 18th Feb, bl. Fra Angelico**

**Fri: 19th Feb, St. Belina**

**Sat: 20th Feb, Ss. Jacinta & Francisco Marto**

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 31/01/2021 – $342.00**

**Loose Money: 31/01/2021 – $185.30**

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

**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**

**Giovanni Lentini; 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.