 **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

441 Bluff Road, East Hampton. VIC 3188 Australia

Parish Priest: Fr. Vittorio Ricciardi

***Tel: + 61 (03) 9598 5246***

**E-mail:** **IHMC@optusnet.com.au**

**Web:** [**www.cam.org.au/hamptoneast**](http://www.cam.org.au/hamptoneast)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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**

Following a 5-day ‘circuit - breaker’ period of lockdown, Victoria is now returning to the “COVID Safe Summer” phase, with some small areas of note.

Essentially for our Church:

* + - * We can have up to 100 at Mass and masks are mandatory indoors or outdoors when people cannot maintain 1.5m physical distancing.
* Masses are resumed accordingly to our safe plan COVID-19.
* In any event we will need new attendance rolls to be completed in the Narthex in the usual way.
* The celebration on Zoom is terminated unless further notice will be announced.

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. In this time Masses will be as follows:

**Saturday 27 February 6:00pm Mass 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 28 February 9:00am Mass 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 28 February 10:30am Mass 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**Monday 1 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass second week of Lent**

**Tuesday 2 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass second week of Lent**

**esday 3 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass second week of Lent**

**Thursday 4 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass second week of Lent**

**Friday 5 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass second week of Lent**

 **and exposition of the blessed sacrament**

**Saturday 6 March 6:00pm Mass 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 7 March 9:00am Mass 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 7 March 10:30am Mass 3rd Sunday of Lent**

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).

**FR VITTORIO WILL BE ABSENT FOR RETREAT**

Fr Vittorio is away for Neocatechumenal retreat from **Thursday evening 4th March until Sunday 7th March**. Fr Stephen Hamilton will celebrate the weekend Masses on Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 9.00 and 10.30pm. **There will be no Mass on Friday 5th March at 9.00am**, **and no stations of the cross at 7.00pm**. There will be **no confessions** **for Saturday 6th March**, but Fr Vittorio will be available during the week from Monday 1st March until Thursday 4th March at any time.

**REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – MARK 9:2-10**

On the second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration.

Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew’s and Mark’s Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke’s Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah’s return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus’ disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel’s history with Jesus signifies Jesus’ continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus’ Resurrection. Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus’ Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death.

**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**

**21 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.

**Mon: 1st Mar, St. David**

**Tue: 2nd Mar, St. Angela of the Cross Guerrero**

**Wed: 3rd Mar, St. Katharine Drexel**

**Thu: 4th Mar, St. Casimir of Poland**

**Fri: 5th Mar, St. John Joseph of the Cross**

**Sat: 6th Mar, St. Colette**

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 21/02/2021 – $593.20**

**Loose Money: 21/02/2021 – $295.00**

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

**ADVERTISEMENT GARDENING WANTED**

Clean up Jobs are my specialty – Good Rates –

20 Years of Experience – Name: John - mob. 0406913579

**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.