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**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 needed indoors, and 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 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**

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

**Tuesday 9 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass third week of Lent**

**esday 10 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass third week of Lent**

**Thursday 11 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass third week of Lent**

**Friday 12 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass third week of Lent**

 **and exposition of the blessed sacrament**

**Saturday 13 March 6:00pm Mass 4th Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 14 March 9:00am Mass 4th Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 14 March 10:30am Mass 4th 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 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – JOHN 2:13-25**

Every Lent is an invitation to journey once again to the heart of the Paschal Mystery and expose ourselves to a fresh appreciation of the Cross as the saving power and wisdom of God.

The Gospel, John 2:13-25, presents us with the Johannine version of Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple.

Though the Fourth Gospel, unlike the Synoptics, places this episode at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, it has essential reference to the events of his death and resurrection. In driving out from the Temple the animals brought there for sacrifice Jesus is in effect shutting it down as a place of worship. His own body is now to become the ‘place’ or sanctuary where God is present and is to be worshipped. ‘Zeal for his father’s house’ will ‘destroy’ him in the sense that his attempt to break the confinement of worship to the physical Temple will provoke the hostility that will ultimately lead to the destruction of his own physical body. But in resurrection Jesus will ‘raise up’ the new sanctuary of his risen body where his disciples and all subsequent believers will truly ‘dwell’ with God and God with them. The disciples will grasp the full significance of what he is now saying when they ‘remember’ it in the light of these later events.

**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.

**NEW MELBOURNE SEMINARIANS 2021**

My dear Parishioners

Let us remember in prayer the new seminarians of Melbourne: Gregory Lewis, Gerard Martin, Jordan McBroom, Xavier Ryan, Andrew Tran, Anthony Wright.

**Mon: 8th Mar, St. John of God**

**Tue: 9th Mar, St. Frances of Rome**

**Wed: 10th Mar, St. Marie Eugenie de Jesus**

**Thu: 11th Mar, St. Constantine Ii**

**Fri: 12th Mar, St. Luigi Orione**

**Sat: 13th Mar, St. Patricia of Nicomedia**

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 28/02/2021 – $197.00**

**Loose Money: 28/02/2021 – $228.75**

**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.