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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 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**

**Monday 15 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass fourth week of Lent**

**Tuesday 16 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass fourth week of Lent**

**esday 17 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass fourth week of Lent**

**Thursday 18 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass fourth week of Lent**

**Friday 19 March 8:45am Morning Prayer, and 9.00 Mass fourth week of Lent**

 **and exposition of the blessed sacrament**

**Saturday 20 March 6:00pm Mass 5th Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 21 March 9:00am Mass 5th Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 21 March 10:30am Mass 5th 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).

**JOHN ALLAN BARRY**

I received another news few days ago that also John Allan Barry, Marcia’s husband, died in Alfred Hospital on Tuesday 9th March 2021. As many will know Alan Barry was in Elanora aged care facility at Brighton Beach.

The Barry’s were long term parishioners of IHOM with Marcia being a reader among a number of roles and Alan Chairman of the Finance Committee when Fr Sagay was PP. Wonderful people and great contributors to all that was going on in the Parish until their health intervened.

The funeral is to be held in our Church on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 11.00.

The family is happy for John and Marcia’s death to be shared with all who knew both.

**REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – JOHN 3:14-21**

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old

Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world not only to reveal our sins and be forgiven, but also to be light for the world.

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2021**

**THE SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION** and **individual confessions** will be held on **Tuesday 23rd of March 2021 at 7.30pm**, and also on **Thursday 25th of March 2021 at 7.30pm**. Both celebrations will be conducted and animated by the Neocathecumenal communities. In addition to these celebrations, Fr Vittorio is avalable in Lent for individual confessions everyday by appointment.

***The time of the other holy week celebrations will be communicated in due time***.

**Mon: 15th Mar, St. Clement Hofbauer**

**Tue: 16th Mar, St. Julian of Antioch**

**Wed: 17th Mar, St. Patrick, Bishop**

**Thu: 18th Mar, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor**

**Fri: 19th Mar, ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Sat: 20th Mar, St. Patricia of Nicomedia**

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 7/03/2021 – $312.00**

**Loose Money: 7/03/2021 – $108.70**

**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**

**John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; 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.