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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till11.00am

**Legion of Mary:** Sat after 9 am Mass

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **5th Sunday Of Easter May 1/2** | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass** | **10.30 am Mass** |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Conrad Lobo |
| **Minister of Communion** |   |  | Fr Stephen Hamilton |
| Fr Vittorio Ricciardi | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Marylou James |
| **Offertory Procession** | Christine Banerjee Carol Hillen | Rick Thomas Marie Thomas | Vittoria and Gemma Foster |
| **6th Sunday Of Easter May 8/9** | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass** | **10.30 am Mass** |
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**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.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 25/04/2021 – $361.00**

**Loose Money: 25/04/2021 – $324.00**

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

**Mon: 3rd May SS. Philip & James**

**Tue: 4th May, St. Peregrine**

**Wed: 5th May, St. Angelo of Jerusalem**

**Thu: 6th May, St. Domenic Savio**

**Fri: 7th May, St. Augustine Roscelli**

**Sat: 8th May, St. Boniface IV, Pope**

**QR CODE FOR MANDATORY GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTACT TRACING**

As you would be aware we have been maintaining “Attendance Rolls” at Masses and at other functions in our Parish as part of the Victorian Government’s Covid tracing requirements. As from 23 April (i.e., this Friday) we must move to an electronic record keeping system and so we must make some changes to our arrangements to comply with the Government’s requirements. But don't worry help will be at hand as we move to the new electronic system. The starting point is that you will now see, posted on some of the walls in the narthex, the Archdiocese QR Code. Thereafter at each Mass or gathering for more than 15 minutes you should record electronically your details.

Note that this process will have to be followed every time you arrive at Church or at a gathering. Please note that the adoption of an electronic record keeping system is Government mandated. It is not optional and institutions that do not implement the process can be fined. Going forward we will all get used to this process. For those with a phone, once you get used to following these steps, you will not need to interact with the Monitor. Younger family members can help you understand.

Keep a copy of this notice inserted in your bulletin, and any questions please ask the Monitor in the Narthex.

Fr Vittorio PP 22 April 2021

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL JOHN 10: 11-18**

Today’s reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus’ discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus’ Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John’s Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples’ feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus’ farewell discourse. In these chapters of John’s Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus’ prayer for his disciples.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John’s Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus’ presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ’s disciples is sustained through God’s Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

**FR VITTORIO WILL BE ABSENT FOR RETREAT AND SURGERY IN MAY**

Fr Vittorio is away for two weekends retreats in May: from **Friday night 14 May** until **Sunday night 16 May,** and from **Friday night 28 May** until **Sunday night 30 May. For the confessions, the faithful can confess the week after the above dates.** Fr Stephen Hamilton will celebrate both weekends’ Masses on Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Sunday morning at 9.00 and 10.30pm.

Furthermore, Fr Vittorio will be operated in Brighton Cabrini Hospital on Monday the 3rd May. For the moment, there will be **no** 9.00am morning Mass on Monday the 3rd May.

**Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal**

**Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College**

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**COUNT OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE FIRST WEEKENDS OF MAY**

Let us be aware that the 2021 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place in our parish over the first four weekends in May (starting 1 May 2021).