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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 till10.45am

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

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| **31st Sunday O.T. 31 Oct 21** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass** | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Volunteers |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marilou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio  | Fr Crispin | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Eugene and Joe | Volunteers |
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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Chiara Mazzeo; Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; 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**

**Conrad Lobo**; Benedict Banerjee; Marie Perez; Fr James Early; Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie 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; 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: 24/10/2021 – 807.00$**

**Loose Money: 24/10/2021 – 370.00$**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

**Mon: 1st Nov All Saints**

**Tue: 2nd Nov All Souls**

**Wed: 3rd Nov St. Martin de Porres**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Thu: 4th Nov St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

**Fri: 5th Nov St. Sylvia**

**Sat: 6th Nov St.Leonard of Noblac**

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: MK 12:28-34**

The background context of this Sunday Gospel is Jesus’ growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today’s Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today’s Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God’s covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus’ response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

**GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO COVID RESTRICTIONS FROM 6PM FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2021**

As Parishioners will be aware the Victorian Government has announced further changes and some relaxation to the Covid restrictions to take effect as from this Friday 29 October. A number of the changes relate to “Vaccination Status” and to the numbers including “Caps” on the number of people attending Religious Ceremonies (e.g. Mass). Note that for the purpose of the rules, people will continue to be classified as either **“Fully Vaccinated”** or as **“Unknown Vaccination Status”**.

How we operate must reflect the Government’s rule changes and (revised) attendance caps. We cannot pick and choose. Therefore we will continue with the system of “booking for Mass” (ring 95983979, first come first served) although it is unlikely that attendance caps will be exceeded at our Church). This is because, as from 29 October, up to 100 fully vaccinated people can attend our Masses designated as “Fully Vaccinated” and up to 30 people can attend our Masses designated as “Unknown Vaccinated Status“. It is important to note that the Government rules prohibit Unknown Vaccination Status people attending Masses with Fully Vaccinated people.

Once you have booked in, on arrival at Church, parishioners must use the Government QR code or complete the paper form in the Narthex as previously applied. Also if you are attending a “Fully Vaccinated” Mass you must bring evidence of this either on your smart phone or by copy of the Government Vaccination form. A parishioner designated as a **“Covid Check-in Marshal”** (Government words) will greet you in the Narthex to help with your check in. Please come a few minutes early to help with the check in. **Note that Masses on Zoom will be discontinued.**

Masses will operate as follows:

* *Saturday 6:00pm Fully Vaccinated (100 people)*
* Sunday 9:00am Unknown Vaccination Status (30 people)
* *Sunday 10:30 Fully Vaccinated (100 people)*
* Monday 9:00am Unknown Vaccination Status (30 people)
* *Tuesday 9:00am Fully Vaccinated (100 people)*
* Wednesday 9:00am Unknown Vaccination Status (30 people)
* *Thursday 9:00am Fully Vaccinated (100 people)*
* Friday 9:00am Unknown Vaccination Status (30 people)

We look forward to attendances opening up further.

You are all in my prayers.

 Fr Vittorio Ricciardi PP

**Celebrating All Saints' Day and All Souls’ Day**

**SPECIAL MASSES AT 9.00 am (Unknown Vaccination) and 7.00 pm (Fully Vaccinated) on Monday 1ST NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS**

**AND AT 9.00 am (Unknown Vaccination) and 10.30 am (Fully Vaccinated) on Tuesday 2nd NOVEMBER ALL SOULS DAY**

In the Catholic tradition, November is traditionally a month of remembrance of the dead. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on 1 November and the Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day), on 2 November. While no longer holy days of obligation in Australia, the Church has consistently encouraged prayers for the faithful departed and, during November, a list of the names of the dead is usually placed in the church so that the community can remember them in prayer.

There will be an open book in Commemoration of the Holy Souls.**** Please write the name of your loved ones to be remembered at the Holy Masses during the month of November. It is a special time to pray for the dead. Plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting the Church on this day and praying the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacrament of Confession, Communion and prayer for the Pope’s intentions.

Following requests received, the Archbishop is happy, at our local level, to grant that the Plenary Indulgence for the Obligation be transferred to the following Sunday.