 **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

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**ON BEHALF OF OUR PARISH**

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENTON ON FRIDAYS**

in the future, Fr Vittorio will be available for the individual confessions also by appointment, but every Saturday, at 10.30am, will be dedicated to the confessions. There will be **no Mass** **anymore** **on Saturday morning, except for important solemnities.**

Furthermore, from next Friday, 15 January 2021, the exposition of the blessed sacrament after the 9.00 am Mass will be re-established as normal.

**GOVERNMENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING OUR MASSES**

The restrictions relating to Church gatherings as they currently affect us are:

1. The numbers who can attend Mass in our Church are now 100. This is based on the Government’s formula of one person for every four-square metres of floor space.
2. Masks are **again** required to be worn in Church (**and** social distancing **must be** observed).
3. Social distancing (1.5 m separation) must be observed during movement into and seating in the Church and our pews have been marked accordingly to assist.
4. Attendance/contact rolls must be maintained as is presently the case.
5. We have, as many parishioners now attending Mass know, continued to have a "Duty Officer" in the Narthex to take bookings and record attendees details as required. This has been done to avoid bottlenecks on entry to the Church (which would occur if we were to leave parishioners to complete the roll themselves or we would have to have multiple rolls).
6. Our attendances are increasing in numbers which will mean it is important that Parishioners register for Mass at the entrance of the Narthex to guarantee that they have a seat at the Mass of their choice. Just turning up means you could be turned away if the nominated Church capacity of 100 has been reached.

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. **At the entrance of the Narthex somebody will write your name, in order to keep the tracking record.** In this Christmastide Masses will be as follows:

**Saturday 9 January 6:00pm Mass Baptism of the Lord**

**Sunday 10 January 9:00am Mass Baptism of the Lord**

**Sunday 10 January 10:30am Mass Baptism of the Lord**

**Monday 11 January 9:00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time**

**Tuesday 12 January 9:00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time**

**Wednesday 13 January 9:00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time**

**Thursday 14 January 9.00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time**

**Friday 15 January 9:00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time**

 **and exposition of the blessed sacrament**

**Saturday 16 January 6:00pm Mass** **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 17 January 9:00am Mass 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 17 January 10:30am Mass 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

All Sunday Masses will still continue to be broadcast on Zoom (login via the Parish website on [www.cam.org.au/hamptoneast](http://www.cam.org.au/hamptoneast)), until further notice. Weekday Masses will continue as normal **without Zoom.**

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).

 **CONTACT TRACING**

In order to help reduce the clerical workload on the Parish the Archdiocese has helped in facilitating the introduction of a system for people who have so called “smart phones”. The system has been referred to as a “QR code for contact tracing” system. The “new system” would allow Parishioners with “smart phones to scan a code on entering the Church allowing this parishioner to enter their details (Christian Name, Surname, email address and Phone Number). While this system could perhaps reduce some of the clerical workload of the Parish, the current manual system would still have to be run in parallel for those without smart phones and bookings would still be recorded manually. The Parish will investigate this system after Christmas.

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**To believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God**

For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his “beloved Son,” in whom the Father is “well pleased”; God tells us to listen to him. The Lord himself said to his disciples: “Believe in God, believe also in me.” We can believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh: “No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.” Because he “has seen the Father,” Jesus Christ is the only one who knows him and can reveal him.

**To believe in the Holy Spirit**

One cannot believe in Jesus Christ without sharing in his Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to men who Jesus is. For “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit,” who “searches everything, even the depths of God.… No one comprehends the thoughts of God, except the Spirit of God.” Only God knows God completely: we believe *in* the Holy Spirit because he is God.

*The Church never ceases to proclaim her faith in one only God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*.

**Mon: 11th Jan, St. Alexander of Fermo**

**Tue: 12th Jan, St. Bernard of Corleone**

**Wed: 13th Jan, St. St Hilary of Potiers, Bishop and Doctor**

**Thu: 14th Jan, St. Felix of Nola**

**Fri: 15th Jan, St. Paul the Hermit**

**Sat: 16th Jan, St. Joseph Vaz**

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 03/01/2021 – $377.00**

**Loose Money: 03/01/2021 – $144.10**

**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**

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.