**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 not required to be worn in Church (but 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.
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 30 January 6:00pm Mass 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 30 January 9:00am Mass 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 31 January 10:30am Mass 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday 1 February 9:00am Mass 4th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Tuesday 2 February 9:00am Mass 4th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Wednesday 3 February 9:00am Mass 4th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Thursday 4 February 9.00am Mass 4th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Friday 5 February 9:00am Mass 4th Week in Ordinary Time**

 **and exposition of the blessed sacrament**

**Saturday 6 February 6:00pm Mass** **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 6 February 9:00am Mass 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 7 February 10:30am Mass 5th 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.

**MASS FOR TOMBOLO ACADEMY**

As Parishioners would be aware last year, we leased our vacant school to Tombolo Academy which is operated by KidsLikeUs (KLU) who work with “twice exceptional youth” (including gifted children with learning differences/disabilities) enabling them to achieve their potential in school and life.

On Monday 1 February the school opens for the 2021 school year and I am offering Mass at 9:00 (our regular Monday Mass) for the students, families and staff of Tombolo Academy to mark the commencement of the new school year. It is great to see our school buildings operating as a school once more. All are welcome to join us at this Mass.

Fr Vittorio

 **OFFICERS AT MASS**

With the Covid restrictions affecting our Masses our rosters with nominated readers, eucharistic ministers, those carrying up the gifts, collections etc have not operated as before. With things returning to some normality, we hope to reintroduce at least some of these responsibilities and parishioners who would like to become involved should advise Father Vittorio.