

OUR LADY'S PARISH - SUNSHINE - VICTORIA – 26 JULY 2020

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Email: sunshine@cam.org.au Parish Office Closed to public - NO VISIT DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Office hours modified arrangements: Tues - Fri - **email or phone** - *we respond when able to*

Leave Letters / Mass intentions IN WALL at FRONT DOOR – under small window for envelopes

Newsletters are online on the parish page: <http://pol.org.au/sunshine/Home.aspx> www.cam.org.au/sunshine

* MASS - limited Public Masses during the high risk of the Covid-19 virus

- check individual parishes and see advice on: www.cam.org.au

If you're booking -in consider others who may like to attend one day a week or fortnight-make space for others

- ◆ **MASS on TV** - 6.00am Sunday on Channel 10 or online: www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass
- ◆ **YouTube & Facebook** – FRG Ministry / Fr Rob Galea / www.frgministry.com
- ◆ **Daily Mass & Sunday Mass live-streaming online** www.wordonfire.org or www.cam.org.au
- ◆ For ALL **SUNDAY Readings**, for daily Morning & Evening Prayers: **M a g n i f i c a t**

(App for iPhone / Android phones /iPads) Not being together each week for Mass is sad for us all.

We miss you and the priests pray for you in our daily Masses

When will we have Mass in our parish church?

LET US KEEP EACH OTHER IN PRAYER DURING THIS TIME

The latest government directions to return to the earlier level of Stage 3 Lockdown, effectively means churches will close for the next 6 weeks, due to fears for public health and the virus spread. We had hoped to begin Masses. We'll advise when its possible.

We ask you to register by email with the parish so we can notify you by email. sunshine@cam.org.au

If you don't use the internet you may phone the Office and phone messages will be checked from time to time as we are able to. PLEASE leave both name & phone No. -speak slowly so number is clear.

MASS INTENTIONS 26 July - 2 August 2020

Sunday (26th) Pro Populo, Rex Pascal RIP, Norman Bell RIP, Phuong Thu Truong RIP Rec Dec

Monday Chris Basadur RIP **Tuesday** Parish Intention **Wednesday** Parish Intention **Thursday** Peter Loone RIP

Friday Parish Intention **Saturday** Parish Intention

Sunday (2nd Aug) Pro Populo; (2nd Aug Patrick Sheridan RIP, Paul & Amelia Ruberto RIP, Giovanni Ruberto RIP)

Treasures of the Kingdom: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

[1 Kings 3:5, 7–12](#)

[Psalm 119:57, 72, 76–77, 127–130](#)

[Romans 8:28–30](#)

[Matthew 13:44–52](#)

What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?



The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we—might live.

We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure—a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Second Reading, calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4). That purpose is that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified.

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- DAILY PRAYERS**
- **Stop briefly by the church door to pray outside if your exercise takes you past a church**
 - **The Angelus** Morning, noon, evening [time is up to you - in monastery's 6am, 12pm, 6pm]
 - **Watch Daily Mass** – YouTube (see links at top of this newsletter if you have online access)
 - **Readings of the Mass for today - read from your Bible / use Magnificat App online if you have.**
 - **Pray the Rosary each day** and if you are able to pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 3.00pm

Donations: Thanksgiving & Weekly Collections CDFpay is a new option for anyone in a position to give. You're welcome to try this online App if you would like to assist the parish financially during this difficult time.

The link to Our Parish is: **CDFpay Sunshine** <https://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/Organisations/CDFpay> **Heartfelt thanks** for those who have been giving each week in various ways especially the direct debits and CDF pay. Everything helps of course. The bills still arrive and we will need to look to the future, how we look after the parish. Recently the long awaited repairs of the water leaks on the Church roof were completed. Thankyou for your support over the year; this has left us in a fair position, to continue modestly.

As said before, it's difficult for the parish but also for you,

so your needs are important to meet, and after that, what you're able to give is gratefully received.

Those seriously ill or in hospital – the priests are available, in as far as possible, to offer Anointing of the sick, and if our priests are not able, *because of their health and risk to yours*, we (or the hospital) will try to find a priest.

ANYONE UNWELL or AT RISK PLEASE REST. We look forward to see you when you are well!

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