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THE DOMINICAN

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A
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SORRY

By decree of the Archbishop we are unable to offer public Mass due to the pandemic.

The Church will be open for private prayer
7.30am-8.00pm

Please pray for the safety of the community, for those who care for the sick and for a speedy end to this crisis.

PASTORAL TEAM

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PARISH CALENDAR: 22nd—29th March 2020

Sun 22nd **4th Sunday of Lent**

Wed 25th **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Sun 29th **5th Sunday of Lent**

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

Deadline for Bulletin: **10.00am Thursday**

THE BLIND MAN SEES JESUS

In today's Gospel the disciples enter into a discussion with Jesus: What's the reason for the blind man's affliction? Is it the result of sin – his or his parents? Jesus rejects the notion his contemporaries and some of us might have: the man is not being punished because he sinned. Jesus doesn't propose an explanation for all the evil in the world. Instead, he addresses the needs of the man in front of him. The man's healing will reveal God's active presence in our world. "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."



As it turns out, God's works manifested through the man's cure aren't "seen" by his parents, his neighbours, nor the Pharisees. They don't see what God has done. Nor does the blind man immediately understand what happened to him. He comes to insight about Jesus only after he is repeatedly questioned by the authorities and then has an "eye-opening" conversation with Jesus.

Isn't it strange that the neighbours didn't recognize the blind man once he got his sight? Jesus opened his eyes; he didn't perform plastic surgery and change the man's features! These were his neighbours, not strangers. They would have passed him daily. Had they only seen his infirmity and not the person? Don't we tend to describe people by their infirmities? The cripple... the blind woman... the Corona virus patient, etc.?

But Jesus sees and stops by "the man blind from birth." He not only cures him, but later seeks him out, draws him into a conversation that brings him to faith. Jesus doesn't see the affliction only, but the person in need. Maybe we had better take a second and third look at those on the edges of our social circle and world to see the person who also happens to be crippled, socially awkward, homeless, etc.

We might be the blind person and by paying attention to persons and not just their afflictions, our eyes might be opened and we too led to seeing Jesus.

For each of us this Lent Jesus is passing by, sees our condition and stops to heal us. We probably are like last week's woman at the well and today's blind man: we come to "see" who Jesus is slowly and in stages. Note, the blind man starts by naming, "the man called Jesus," then he calls him "a prophet, then he recognizes him as the one sent by God and finally calls Jesus "Lord."



Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

PASTORAL SERVICES

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 06:00pm
 Sun 08:00am
 9:30am
 11:00am
 06:00pm

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READERS

Sat 06:00pm	C:	R:
Sun 08:00am	C:	R:
9.30am	C:	R:
11:00am	C:	R:
06:00pm	C:	R:

SANCTUARY CARERS FOR: March

Altar Washing: Angie Carter

Flowers & Candle: 17-31st Joan Forsyth

PRAYERS WRITERS:

COLLECTION COUNTERS

WELCOMERS

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
Feb	\$3,866.83	\$ 679.28	\$ 1,422.48

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Terry Knoll **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Paul Sulaiman Santosa, Robert Pattison **The sick of our parish:** Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Fr Brian Reynolds OP, Lina Agius, Joy Patrick, Judith Potter, **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	22 nd Mar		Paul Sulaiman Santosa
Mon	23 rd Mar		Paul Sulaiman Santosa
Tue	24 th Mar		Robert Pattison
Wed	25 th Mar		Marjorie June Whelan

Masses will continue to be offered by the priests who will celebrate their community Mass every day and the names of deceased and anniversaries will still be written in the Dominican which will be available in the Church or online. If you want to offer a Mass, please call the office at 9912 6870.



AUDIO LOOP If you are wearing a hearing aid, the best place to hear in the church is in the middle near the audio loop

Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of March is located in the St Joseph's Chapel to remind us to pray for those



NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to complete the (green) Membership Form available at all Church entrances. Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office or dropped into the Parish letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

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"Let us carry our crosses with love; let us see that they do not become a burden to others, but let us help others carry theirs." - St. John Bosco

Dear Youth of St Dominic's,

It is with great sadness that we have to cancel our Youth events indefinitely, which means our Lumen High Schooler's Group and the monthly Youth Mass will be cancelled until further notice. We apologise for this cancellation to our Youth Events, but this is for the common good and health of our Community. Please keep safe and stay healthy. If you do feel unwell, please visit your doctor or healthcare professional.

We pray for ourselves and the Church community who are suffering the effects of this health crisis or working to keep us all safe and healthy. Perhaps we can see these challenges as part of our Lenten pilgrimage with the Lord this year, moving deeper into his suffering and sharing more fully in the new life he brings us.

We will keep you updated about when our regular Youth events will re-commence.

God Bless,

Br Oliver Bajon OP - Youth Coordinator

Hymn: Let our Prayer Arise - Steve Angrisano

Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC

Instagram: sdyc_

ST DOMINIC'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL UPDATE

RECONCILIATION RETREAT has been cancelled

FIRST RECONCILIATION SACRAMENT has been postponed until further notified.

RECONCILIATION R.E. CLASS will be held next week on Tuesday 24th March 4pm—5pm



Anointing the sick

MASS OF ANOINTING HAVE BEEN POSTPONED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

If you wish to have a priest for anointing at your place, please call the Parish Office on 9912 6870 ext 310

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF CHURCH HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL FURTHER NOTICE.



Today we welcome

**Valentina Oliva
Jai Paul Ellis**

into the life of the Catholic Church through the
Community of St Dominic's

PROJECT COMPASSION Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



NOW WHAT?

ONLINE MASS AND OTHER RESOURCES

During these unprecedented times, quite painfully, many Catholics will be unable to attend Mass. No doubt, this will only increase our hunger for Christ. We encourage you to continue your life of prayer and participation in the life of the Church despite this heavy cross.

On 18 March 2020, after prayerful consideration and reflection, the Bishops of Victoria announced the suspension of public liturgies and celebrations of Mass, until further notice for the health and safety of the community. In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248).

If you are unable to be present at a celebration of the Eucharist, we encourage you to participate in other ways such as spending time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on and praying with the Scriptures (particularly the Mass readings), making a Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, making an Act of Spiritual Communion (see below) and participating in Mass online (see more below).

Catholics have long been encouraged to partake in the practice of "spiritual communion" if they are unable to receive the Eucharist for a particular reason (for instance – being homebound). Simply put, it is coming before God in prayer – expressing our deep desire to be united to Him despite the fact that we are unable to be united to Him in receiving the Eucharist. In making an Act of Spiritual Communion we ask the Lord to give us the graces that would come to us if we were able to receive Him sacramentally (Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity). Reciting the prayer written by St. Alphonsus Liguori below is simple and common way of making an act of Spiritual Communion.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

Close the Gap

We have a national day of action to pledge support for achieving indigenous health equality by 2030.

The Statistics of indigenous mortality and illness are a tragedy and a blight on our society.

Please support our sisters and brothers just and reasonable claims for recognition and representation because it is the same right that we take for granted.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN MASS ONLINE?

Despite our current limitations, we can still participate in the celebration of Mass online thanks to modern technology. Many dioceses around the world provide online streaming of Masses, including our own Archdiocese of Melbourne. Below are some links to online Masses. We also encourage you to think about how you might help those homebound and less tech-savvy to be able to access Mass online during this time.

Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne is available daily. The 1pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available, with the 11am Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand. Watch here: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Pope Francis' daily Masses are now available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. They are expected to continue to be available throughout the upcoming weeks. Watch here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>

Mass for you at home. This program has been allowing the faithful – particularly those with mobility problems – to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. Watch here: <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html> or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire – Bishop Robert Barron has been using new media to evangelise for over a decade. On his website or YouTube channel, viewers can find daily Mass alongside hours of intelligent and thought-provoking content on topics relevant to the faith. Watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcMjLgeWNwqL2LBGS-iPb1Ahttps://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

The new Stewardship envelopes for the period 5 April to 26 July will be available for collection from the Parish Office for the next two weeks. As Masses have been cancelled for the present the envelopes will not be able to be distributed as normal at weekend Masses. Contributors using credit card and EFT can collect their progress receipts from the Parish Office. Stewardship contributions using the envelopes can be left at the Parish Office during office hours. Credit card and EFT contributions will be processed as normal.

Offering Envelopes



PROPER OF THE MASS: 4th Sunday of Lent, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Today's Readings

(4th Lent, Year A) 1 Samuel 16:6-7, 10-13; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John: 9:1-41

Next Week's Readings

(5th Lent, Year A) Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John: 11:1-45

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