

PARISH TEAM

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MINISTRY ROSTERS:

We give thanks for all those who have served our community during these very stressful times under these Covid restrictions. A number of our regular Rosters ceased as we tried to navigate our way through the everchanging restrictions.

Noted here are some of the Rosters which have continued or resumed at this time. As we move forward with the Parish vision to involve others in the day to day running of the Parish, we will incorporate other ministry rosters as they are established.

31ST JANUARY 2021 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
Commentator	Louise Goderie	Marianne Castor	Dan Kensey
Readers	Christine Hall	Sue Mouthaan	Don Robens
Altar Servers/ Acolytes	Stevenie Harman	Harold Pirotta	Mitchell Sutton

GROUNDS TEAM NO. 1. Paul Reece, Dave Markham, Paul Devlin, Lee Murray & Wolfgang Betker

AUSTRALIA DAY TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY: The Mass on Australia day will be at 8.00am. There will be no 6pm Mass on that Tuesday. Please note that all Masses on public holidays will take place at 8.00am

**Living the Gospel – The Good News is here.**

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

COVID UPDATE FROM OUR DIOCESE : as at 21 December 2020 until further notice.

The 4 Sq M rule applies and our numbers are limited to 100 people. Wearing of Masks is mandatory unless exempt for health reasons.

**WEEKDAY MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES : NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED BUT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS ADHERED TO.**

TUESDAY EVENING—6PM (EXCEPTION AUSTRALIA DAY 26TH JAN. 8.00AM)
WEDNESDAY— 9.00AM
THURSDAY—9.00AM Adoration of the blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.00am.
FRIDAY – 9.00 AM
RECONCILIATION SATURDAY AT 5PM

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SACRAMENTS

Please contact Parish Office 4735 1041.
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R.C.I.A.: The process for adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church.

QR CODE FOR REGISTERING ATTENDANCE AT MASS: Because we are now using this QR Code system using mobile phones—**please take care to turn off or to silent your phone as you enter the church.**

Registration sheets will still be available for those who do not have mobile phones: 100 Maximum capacity in church has to be strictly adhered to by government regulation. Thank you all for your efforts in maintaining these regulations.

TAP & GO MODE OF DONATION:

Beginning next month we are going to introduce another way of offering in addition to our already existing ones (Credit Card, Direct Deposit, Planned Giving Envelopes and putting money into the basket).

The new mode is what is referred to as **TAP & GO**. This is a contactless payment, it ensures quick and accurate payment and customers don't have to swipe their card or enter a Pin No. This mode of donation (offering) is handy especially in this era of the Pandemic. Someone can make a contactless offering using; credit card, debit card or pre-paid card.

Our parish has set the minimum donation of \$5.00 on each tap, if you want to offer more you can tap as many times as you as you would like, the maximum you can offer in a transaction is \$100.00. **LET US GO—TAP & GO.**

MEETINGS IN PARISH:

PLEASE NOTE THAT MEETINGS IN THE PARISH HALL REQUIRE MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS TO BE ADHERED TO.

- Knitters group** recommences in parish hall on Thursday 28th January 9am—12 All welcome! Contact Judy Prendergast 0407101254 or Julia Hayes 0452 665 844 donations of wool gratefully accepted.
- Catechist** Meeting in Parish Hall at 9.30am Monday 1st February .
- Parish council** meeting Wednesday 3rd February at 7.00 pm in the School Staff room.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR 2021

We have had an unprecedented year for 2020 due to the impact of Covid-19, one of its consequences was the cancellation of the First Eucharist Program for your children. God willing we are going to finalise this program this year.

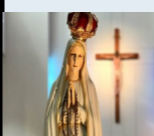
Term 1: FIRST EUCHARIST for the children (who are now in Year 5) who had received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2019 – having been cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19.

Term 2: FIRST EUCHARIST for the children in Yr 4 who made their Reconciliation in 2020.

Term 3: CONFIRMATION for the children in Yr 5. – September 2021

Term 4: RECONCILIATION for the children in Yr. 3

NOTIFICATION OF DATES WILL BE PUBLISHED WHEN THE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL.



ROSARY: Everyone is invited to pray The Rosary which will be said prior to the 9am weekday Masses commencing at 8.30am—contact Chrissy at the Parish Office 4735 1041 for more information.

Please pray for Recently Deceased Ray Robinson (Robo) the Anniversaries of Fr. Gerald Scott (Vincentian Priest) & Mary Collier and for those who are sick in our community.

Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley & Les Coburn, Michelle Gardam, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Angela Lonergan, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Ray Dukes, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Nathalie Dhyon, Pam & Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, John Von Schomburg, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra—Knox, Teresa & Larry Dunn & Graham and Christine Hall.