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ENVELOPES: You may drop your **Planned Giving** envelope to the **Parish office on** Tuesdays between 10am and 12 Midday. Thankyou.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY AND NOTICE FROM OUR DIOCESE OUR CHURCHES WILL BE OPEN TO ALL.

COVID Safe practices for indoor venues including wearing masks, maintaining physical distancing and hygiene requirements and record keeping/sign in using QR Codes etcetera should continue to occur.

OPENING OF OUR CHURCH: PRAISE BE TO GOD!

What does the LORD require of you but to

act fustly, to love Tenderly and to walk

humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8



Our Masses have resumed this weekend. Week day Masses will commence on Tuesday evening 26th October at 6pm

And Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 9.00am following.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

The Rosary will be said before each of the morning Masses at 8.30am led by Anna & Les Chmiel. Everyone welcome to join in especially during this month dedicated to the Rosary.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest of all prayers to the Mediatrix of all grace; It is the prayer that touches most, the heart of the Mother of God. Say it each day!" "Amidst all prayers, the Rosary is the most beautiful, the richest in graces, and the one that most pleases the Most Holy Virgin." Pope Francis

PARISH PLANNED GIVING: Thank you so much for your generosity and the effort made to keep our Parish running financially during the lockdown. Many more people have donated via Direct Deposit and Credit cards to the Parish Account. We would like to know how many people would like to continue with our PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE SYSTEM. Please advise the parish office of your preference in using the envelope system. 4735 1041

Please prav for Recently Deceased Gabrielle Spillane, Francis Mills & Noel Smith and the Anniversaries of Fe Diola & Monica Larkin.and all those who are sick in our community.

Grace Perry, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley 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, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Ray Dukes, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Laurie Doohan, Nathalie Dhyon, Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra—Knox, Teresa & Larry Dunn, Graham and Christine Hall , Lorraine Lindsay, Maria Chircop , Nerida Fabri, Graeme Hardy, Lynette Hill, Frances Grove, Jennifer Stonehouse, Peter Graham, Megan Hallam, Mandy Parer, Patricia Lynch , Alexandra Haddad , Terri Casey , Ivan Nerag & Mia Gabriel.

We would like to update our sick list for those in need of prayer. Please let us know if we should add to or delete from the list above. Blessings Chrissy

Letter to all the faithful from Fr. Michael.

After over 3 months of lock down and following mass online we are re-opening our Churches this week, we will resume our mass attendance in the church. Hopeful this is the last lockdown we will ever experience. I will be glad to see you all back again, what a joy to start receiving Christ sacramentally once more. Welcome back.

Time has arrived to prepare for fundamental change in a post-covid communities. It is important as Pope Francis stated in his life after pandemic reflection, to prepare ourselves for what follows, we will be looking at the future with hope together. As we reopen, we will try as much as possible to keep each other safe by following the guidelines laid out for us by NSW health guidelines and supported by our diocese. Those coming for mass remember to carry your masks with you.

Pope Francis on his personal reflection on Covid in general said, despite Covid being a crisis in the world for bringing untold suffering around the world it has brought blessing too and can shape our future for the better. Covid has brought awareness and consciousness about others, he said for this to

happen "we need to see clearly, choose wisely and act well. Thus, he gave his reflection the title of "Let us Dream" the path to a better future. I invite you also, that we dream together and fashion our tomorrow in our personal and parish life. Let us put persons, communities, and people at the Centre, united to heal, to care, share and dream together for a better future, let us walk toward a synodal church. Let us take this time and review where we have been and dare dream of a better tomorrow. Pope Francis in the reflection I had quotedearly of Life after pandemic, had this to say: Together with vision, commitment and action let us demonstrate how prayer is fundamental for redirecting our gaze in hope, especially when hope becomes tenuous and struggle to survive" How many of us are praying offering and interceding for good of all? He asks. The Holy father said, prayers and quiet services are

victorious weapons of what lie ahead of us. Let us once more contemplate and participate in the mystical Body of Christ, may it permeate in our way of life, let us dialogue with him so that we will be able to welcome, accompany and support each other as we come together once again

May Mary, Our Lady of the Way walk with us, and intercede to us. - Fr. Michael.

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites The Holy Spirit to beat work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality Influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time in the communion of the Father 021 and the Son forever and ever. Amen.

This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

READERS ROSTER:

Marianne Castor would like to prepare a roster. If you would like to be on a Roster please take a READERS ROSTER NOTICE from the front of the church to make contact with Marianne.

