

## Elizabeth Catholic Parish

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#### **REVISED GUIDELINES REGARDING MASS ATTENDANCE IN SA**

Due to the latest information from the South Australian Government regarding Public Gatherings in the midst of the coronavirus restrictions the Archbishop has last week issued new guidelines regarding the number of people allowed to attend Masses in the Archdiocese.

From Monday 29th of June the number of people who are permitted to attend Church Services including Weddings and Funerals is restricted to one person per two square metres.

In accordance with these revised guidelines it is now allowable for a maximum of 210 people to attend Church Services at St. Thomas More's Church and 170 people at St. Ann's Church for each service. (Please don't forget to call the office to **register for 10:00 am Mass** only.)

The other very welcome change to the restrictions is that members of the same family or household are permitted to sit together.

This is a very positive development as far as the Archdiocese and our Parish Community is concerned.

It is expected that there will be a further relaxation in the restrictions which have been put in place to safeguard the welfare of all in our State in the near future.

This is especially relevant to those who have felt the impact of the current restrictions most profoundly, especially those in our community who have been excluded from attending the funerals of loved ones and those who have had to delay weddings and baptisms.

These restrictions have also been poignantly felt by those with family members and friends who have been hospitalised and had visitation opportunities restricted in a variety of ways. There has also been quite a substantial impact on many families with children in attending school and sporting activities.

The way in which some other individuals, countries and families are suffering is a reminder to us all of how lucky we are in our country and our own State and how we shouldn't take our fantastic lifestyle for granted.

I would personally like to thank our parish staff who have been so dedicated to their contribution to the welfare of the members of our community and those who have continued to support our mission in the community by their financial support.

Please God we shall be able to get through these difficult times soon and regain our mission and re-establish our lives and our connections with each other with a heightened appreciation of how important these things are and how we should appreciate that we in Australia are indeed the "Lucky Country."

#### 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

#### HARD SAYINGS.

Today's Gospel includes a number of so-called hard sayings of Jesus. They identify the basic paradox of our Christian faith; it is only by emptying ourselves in imitation of Jesus (Phil.2:7) that we can receive the fullness of life which is his gift (Jn.. 10:10). There can be no real growth in the Spirit if self interest prevails.

# First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 – That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

## Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. ®

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. ®

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. ®

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans - Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 - Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 10:37-42 - Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **GOD WITH US**

It is here, perhaps, that the second part of the Gospel text, with its sense of 'welcome', comes into play. One of the truly striking features of Matthew's Gospel is the sense of 'Emmanuel – God with us' which attends the presentation of Jesus from beginning to end. It comes to a climax, of course, in the parable of the Great Judgment (25:31-46) where, over and over again, we hear the refrain, 'As often as your did it (or failed to do it) to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it (or failed to do it) to me'.

Exactly the same identification appears in the central statement in the present text: 'Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me; and those who welcome me, welcome the one who sent me'.

The theological dimensions of this statement are profound: the stranger who stands before us comes not simply as an emissary and representative of Christ but of the Father who sent Christ into the world. In dealing with this person we are dealing with our God.

This theme of welcome and hospitality in the second part of the Gospel does perhaps, in a complementary way, point out where the challenge contained in the opening words applies for followers of Christ in a First World situation. *Australian Catholics* 



The Lord cannot enter into hard or ideological hearts. The Lord enters into hearts that are like His: hearts that are open and compassionate. *Pope Francis* 

**Next Weeks Readings** Sts Peter and Paul Mon Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19 Tue Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12 Matthew 8:23-27 Wed Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 Matthew 8:28-34 Thu Amos 7:10-17 Matthew 9:1-8 Fri St Thomas, apostle Eph 2:19-22 John 20:24-29 Sat Amos 9:11-15 Matthew 9:14-17

14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

> Zech 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30



"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

**MATTHEW 10:38** 

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

#### **JULY - COMING EVENTS**

Wed 1st P.P.C. Meeting - St. Thomas More – 6.00 p.m. School Term 2 ends Fri 3rd St. Thomas, Apostle of India St. Elizabeth of Portugal Sat 4th Sun 5th 14th Sunday in **Ordinary Time** Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mon 6th St. Maria Goretti Tue 7<sup>th</sup> St. Peter To Roi

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> St. Peter To Roi Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Sts. Aquilla & Priscilla Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Our Lady Queen of Peace

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St. Augustine Zhao Rong

& Companions St. Benedict Anniversary of the

Dedication

of St. Francis Xavier

Cathedral 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> St. Henry

Sat 11th

Sun 12th

Fri 11th

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> St. Camillus de Lellis Wed 15<sup>th</sup> St. Bonaventure Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Mount

Carmel St. Alexis

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> St. Frederick Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

St. Apollinaris

Time

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> School Term 3 commences

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Adelaide's new Archbishop, Patrick O'Regan, will celebrate

Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Sunday in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on July 5 at 11am.

An initiative of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, the national Mass will be accessible to people around Australia through live streaming on the <u>Archdiocesan</u> and NATSICC <u>websites</u>.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is usually celebrated in churches across the country to mark the beginning of NAIDOC Week but the COVID-19 restrictions prompted the Council to revise its plans. The theme of this year's event is Together in the Spirit. Resources will be available at <a href="https://www.natsicc.org.au">www.natsicc.org.au</a> Archbishop O'Regan said he was looking forward to celebrating this significant event for the Australian Church in his new archdiocese of Adelaide, on the land of the Kaurna people.

# ARCHBISHOP O'REGAN INSTALLATION – BOOKLET AND PRAYER CARD

As only a restricted number of people were able to be present at the Installation, the Mass booklet (limited copies) and prayer card will be available in the Diocesan Centre. Please email E:

events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or P: 8210 8220 to place an order. Once the order has been prepared, you will be advised to collect from front Reception at 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide.



This term we have begun unpacking and exploring the new Catholic Education Key Capabilities Continua,

focussing on the area "Self -Aware, Collaborative and Socailly Adept". We believe our students are capable and competent people, learners and leaders. They are made in God's image and are deeply valued for who they are - in and for the world God desires. Recognising and developing our children's capabilities enables them to be comfortable and confident in who they are and ready to make a difference in our world.

#### **HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL**

Considering the current health emergency, the Holy Father has established that, for the current year 2020, the Peter's Pence collection, which traditionally takes place around the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, will be transferred throughout the world to the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, October 4, memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi.

#### ST VINCENT de PAUL

Have asked that <u>we do not collect</u> <u>any donations</u> until they advise. Bins at St Thomas More Church have been removed for the time being.

#### LIVE STREAMING

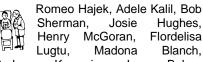
The Archdiocese will continue to live stream Sunday Mass at 11am (note the change of time) from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. This Mass can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au.

For those without internet access the Sunday Mass is replayed on Channel 44 at 4pm every week.

#### **BULLETIN NOTICES**

If there is a special occasion you would like mentioned in an upcoming edition of the bulletin or if you or a family member would like to be included in the sick list, please let us know so we can keep you/them in our prayers. Please be aware all notices for the bulletin can either be emailed direct Ann Murray to methil48@hotmail.com or left at Parish Office no later than Tuesday. 8255 Phone 1191. Bernadette Hedges/Pastoral Visitor

#### PARISHIONERS ON THE SICK LIST



Barbara Kosewicz, Ivan Baker, Shienamae (aged Falogme 14 months). Lachlan Hill. Cobie Looyestyn, Mary Bryant, Miriam Philip Smith, McCluskey, Pat McCluskey, Brenda McKerney, Pauline Grace Murag, Terry Cashin, Noreen Slevin, Margaret Douglas, Margaret Barnes.

For Privacy reasons, permission from the sick person is required prior to placing their name in the bulletin.

#### **Prayer Registration Slip**

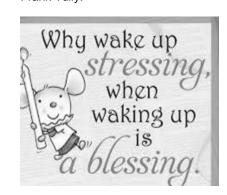
Please fill out the registration slips situated on the table in the foyer and place in the box provided.

Please note that names on the Sick List will remain for six weeks unless Parish Office is otherwise notified.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Eileen Riddle.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Cecil Brown, Frank Tully.



**Pastoral Team** 

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Sacristans: Ann Anderson/Jean Luke (6pm Vigil)

Carol Mackle/Jean Mohan (St Ann's 8.30am) Margaret Kennedy/Clara Porlaje (St Ann's 8.30am)

Donna Kirkbright (St TM 10am) Planned Giving: Theo Toonen 8252 0340

Centacare (Catholic Family Services) 8215 6700 St Vincent de Paul Society Assistance Hotline 1300 729 202

Beyond Blue (Depression/Anxiety) 1300 224636

Lifeline Australia (Crisis Support/Suicide Prevention) 13 11 14

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) 13 14 78 Translating and Interpreting Service 13 14 50

Elder Abuse Hotline 1800 372 310

St Vincent de Paul Society "Family Centre, Elizabeth 8255 8547

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## Sunday, 28thJune 2020 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

We pray for Pope Francis, successor to the Apostle Paul. May he be filled with grace and sustained with good health as he, and the Church, prepare to celebrate the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, on Monday.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that, within our faith and culture, we learn from other faiths and cultures how important and liberating it is to offer hospitality to the poor, the lonely, the stranger, the sick and the frightened.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that everyday Christians will value the new life they receive in Baptism so, by dying to the sins of selfishness, greed and violence, they will, in the Spirit, be thoughtful of others, generous in charity and peaceful in relationships.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of the land where Jesus lived, walked, died and rose.

May there be a new opportunity, led by universal diplomacy, to secure border security for Israel and Palestine, shared water resources, equal opportunity for living with dignity and freedom of movement.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray, as the rates of Covid 19 infection continue to rise around the world, that governments will continue to play their part in striving to halt its spread and to assist those whose lives are affected.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died recently, especially Eileen Riddle and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray also for those who have died in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and through the Covid 19 virus, may they find peace in our one true God. We remember also Fr. Wayne Byron-Squire of the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.