

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH: 21 TWENTIETH AVE. HOXTON PARK

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MASSES FOR THE LORD'S DAY:

SATURDAY **5.30 P.M.** SUNDAY **8 A.M. 10 A.M. 5.30 P.M.**

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THIS WEEK: MONDAY **8 a.m.** TUESDAY **7 p.m.**
WEDNESDAY (*St. Scholastica*) **9 a.m.** THURSDAY **7 p.m.** FRIDAY **9 a.m.**

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM N.S.W. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Our Church building is allowed to have 100 people with 4 square metres each: 80 in the main part (the nave), 12 in the covered extension and 8 in the foyer. People attending are required to provide their name and contact details when they enter. Please come early to allow for this. You can ring ahead your details but it's essential not to be late. You can use a QR SERVICE NSW APP to check in; also record your name & phone number, so we do not exceed the permitted number. All must wear masks; except worship leaders and children 12 and under are exempt (but children are encouraged to wear one). We occupy every second row of pews in the Church, behind a row with white dots on the back of the pew.

RECONCILIATION. Our priest is available in the Reconciliation Room Tuesday & Thursday 6.30 - 6.55 p.m. Saturday 4 - 5 p.m. or by appointment

DONATIONS. Thanks for your continuing financial support in these difficult days. Because we have at most 100 people at a Mass (less than a third of the number we could have), we will just have **one collection** and allocate **1/3** to clergy support (normal 1st collection) and **2/3** to Parish expenses (normal 2nd collection). If you wish to give online, our details are HOXTON PARK PARISH, BSB 062-784, a/c no. 0625000. In the *Reference Field* put your surname and/or Envelope No. Please continue your support of the foyer St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box

TODAY is known now as the **THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**. It is also **CATECHISTS' SUNDAY** – we acknowledge our Catechists for their dedication, love and efforts for the many Catholic children in three State Schools at Middleton Grange, Hoxton Park, Hinchinbrook. We ask for more parishioners to volunteer for this work of passing on our Faith to the children in their half hour Religion class each week.

THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD? A Seminary Open Day next Sunday 14th 52 Abbotsford Rd. Homebush from 9 a.m. It will include prayer, Mass, talks with seminarians and priests, information about studies for priesthood, a Seminary guided tour. Brunch will be provided for all.

GALA FOR LIFE. A fundraising dinner event at Cabra-Vale Diggers, 1 Bartley St, Canley Vale Saturday 27th Feb. to raise awareness and funds for a crisis **pregnancy support centre** called **DIAMOND WOMEN**. Founder Jennifer Gurry, Counsellor Preethy Abraham will welcome you and other special guests like Guy Zangari MP for Fairfield, Tanya Davies MP for Mulgoa, and vocalist Emelina Phillips. The event will be Adults \$120, Concession \$90 *Includes three course meal and Diamond donation* **TICKETS NOW** via www.galaforlife.com.au

CARITAS AUSTRALIA is seeking a contact person in our Parish who would promote Project Compassion during Lent and convey information about upcoming events. Please contact www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaritasParishContact

A LENT PROGRAMME has been created for our Archbishop's renewal plan **GO MAKE DISCIPLES**. It can be used by individuals or by groups. It is called **Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples**. It is a means for parishioners to meditate upon the spiritual renewal at the heart of our mission plan. Lent begins Ash Wed. 17th Feb. Each group would normally meet one evening weekly or on a weekend. If you would like to join a group or are willing for a group to meet at your place in Lent:
NAME Phone..... to be in a Lent group
NAME..... Phone..... welcome at our place

HAPPY NEW YEAR from Friday to Catholics of Chinese or Vietnamese ancestry and all who celebrate the Lunar New Year.