

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 THIS WEEK: MONDAY **8 a.m.** TUESDAY **7 p.m.**



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

THIS WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday which begins **LENT**, a season of prayer, self-denial, generosity, leading to Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

In Catholic Church law, Ash Wednesday (like Good Friday) is a day of **some fasting from food and drink** (for Catholics aged 18 to 60 years) and also a day of **abstaining from meat** (for Catholics aged 14 and older).

There will be **2 Masses here** with distribution of ashes **on Ash Wednesday** one at **9 a.m.** with Good Shepherd Primary Year 6 students and one at **7 p.m.**

THURSDAY after Ash Wednesday **7 p.m.** **FRIDAY** after Ash Wednesday **9 a.m.**

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

Our Church building may now have **200 people** with 2 square metres each: 160 in the main part (nave), 24 in the covered extension and 16 in the foyer. People attending are required to have their name and contact details on record here. You can ring ahead your details if you wish or do this when you come, but please be early to allow for this. You can use a QR SERVICE NSW APP to check in; but also record your name & phone number.

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

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation in our Church this year is for **Catholic** youngsters of the Good Shepherd Parish who are in Year **6** this year at any Primary School or who are currently students in any High School.

The Parent Meetings to enroll youngsters in the preparation: **Sunday March 14** at **6.45 p.m.** in the Church **for all fathers** **Sunday March 21** at **6.45 p.m.** in the Church **for all mothers** Each child's Baptism and First Reconciliation details needed.

A LENT PROGRAMME has been created for our Archbishop's renewal plan **GO MAKE DISCIPLES**. It can be used by individuals, by groups, or by families. It is called *Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples*. It is a means for parishioners to meditate upon the SUNDAY readings in LENT and on the spiritual renewal at the heart of our mission plan. Please take a copy today as you leave.

GALA FOR LIFE. A fundraising dinner event at Cabra-Vale Diggers, 1 Bartley St, Canley Vale this Saturday 27th 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 in Lent and convey information about upcoming events. Contact www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaritasParishContact

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all who are celebrating the Lunar New Year.