



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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MASS TIMES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

BACKGROUND TO FIRST READING. The first Christians were Jews & loved being Jewish. When the Church moved from a Jewish setting into the wider world, **did** people who were not Jewish have to keep Jewish laws and customs to become Christians? St. Peter becomes convinced now that they did **not**.

BACKGROUND TO THE GOSPEL. In the Easter Season, we listen to the Last Supper talk of Jesus, because it is like his *'last will and testament'* before his death, resurrection & ascension. Today's passage is from the Last Supper talk.

COVID RESTRICTIONS: NSW Health has decreed: that in places of worship

- wearing masks compulsory (it seems not for Celebrant/ Lectors)
- congregational singing forbidden (not for Cantors or small choir)
- restrictions are in place for this weekend until **12.01 a.m.** Monday

MASSES: MONDAY 8 a.m. TUESDAY 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY 9 a.m.
THURSDAY 7 p.m. FRIDAY (Feast of the Apostle St. Matthias) 9 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (Sacrament of Confession & Forgiveness) our priest is available in the Reconciliation Rooms Tuesday and Thursday from **6.30 to 6.55 p.m.** (before Mass) and on Saturday from **4 to 5 p.m.**

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS: This Sacrament will be given to adults at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday **23rd** May at 10.30 a.m. Mass. If any adult here has not yet been Confirmed **please see our priest a.s.a.p.**

PROJECT COMPASSION is an effort in parishes during Lent to support **CARITAS**, the international aid and development agency of the Australian Catholic Church. We thank God, and we thank our parishioners, and we thank our parish school, for the wonderful generosity here during this Lent. Project Compassion this year in Good Shepherd Parish raised **\$15,430.75** for Caritas: **\$3,355** came from the Good Shepherd School community and those attending the Masses in Good Shepherd Church raised **\$12,075.75**

FURTHER GENEROSITY BY GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL: some mothers of Year 6 students with our Family Educator Cathy Burke made ninety nourishing sandwiches for the Liverpool St. Vincent de Paul Night Patrol in its work for those homeless in the Liverpool region who are 'sleeping rough'. Also starting again is the *'Being Christ For Us'* work by our school families. These provide meals twice a month for families of St. Vincent de Paul clients.

EUTHANASIA, DYING AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

On Thursday 13th May at 7:30 p.m. Hosted by St Felix Youth in the Bankstown Parish. At St Felix Parish Hall, 550 Chapel Road, Bankstown. **The Political and Legal Perspective** with **Monica Doumit**, Director of Public Policy and Engagement, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney: "How has euthanasia already changed cultures and societies? Fighting in the public square and having conversations at home".

A LIFE-SIZED STATUE OF JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD is coming from Vietnam to be placed in the shrine area outside the main entrances of the Church. Kevin Gatto has laboured long to beautify and solidify this shrine. A smaller Good Shepherd statue has been placed there until the life-sized statue arrives. Kevin also created the shrine to our Blessed Lady in the carpark area. Noel Passion installed lighting to highlight the two shrines. Parishioners are invited to stop and pray and reflect at these two areas.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS Children' first receiving of **Reconciliation** and **Communion:** Children in Years 2 and 3 will be eligible for Reconciliation and children in Year 3 will also be eligible for Holy Communion. Details of preparation for both Sacraments are on the noticeboard with copies on the table underneath to be taken away

EMMANUEL PENTECOST RETREAT Sat. 22nd Sun. / 23rd May.
Please see the notice about the retreat on our noticeboard in the foyer.