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### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

invite the Youth of our Parish to involve themselves in programs and activities by following the links below.

- *This is the link to the **Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 4 2021 Newsletter:***  
[bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021](http://bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021)
- *The 2021 edition of the **Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)** for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>*

### **EUTHANASIA BILL TO BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT** NSW

Parliament will resume on the 12<sup>th</sup> October and an Euthanasia Bill is set to be tabled. The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The tool is available

here: [https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2108\\_ocp\\_nsw](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw)

If parishioners do not wish to use an online tool, you can download a [a series of sample letters here](#), and [a letter writing guide here](#).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-22** by Australian Bishops is entitled “Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor”. Introduction and Audio available : <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

**ROSARY VIA ZOOM** Good Shepherd Church invites you to come together virtually via zoom to pray the Rosary, tomorrow, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 5 p.m.. Please click the link below to join. <https://scscatholic.zoom.us/j/65976217312?pwd=bnZNZTRwbDkvMkIMY0NqOGZGemhodz09> Meeting ID: 659 7621 7312 Password: 934837

### **DIRECTIONS FROM SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF LITURGY**

#### **STAGE ONE NOW THAT 70% OF PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED FULL VACCINATION.**

The NSW Government has decided that we can have public Masses for those who have received the double vaccinations (under the rule of 4 square metres for each person). However our **Archbishop has decided that we will wait the estimated two further weeks until we reach 80% fully vaccinated before re-opening our churches to the public for Masses, so that we do not have to turn those people away who have not been doubly vaccinated. However, during this first stage, priests who are themselves fully vaccinated will be free to invite some fully vaccinated parishioners to their private Masses and to conduct ceremonies such as Baptisms for families that are fully vaccinated.**

**STAGE TWO – WHEN 80% ARE FULLY VACCINATED – ESTIMATED TO BE SO BY MONDAY 25 OCT.** At 80% fully vaccinated we will open our churches and ceremonies to “mixed” congregations (fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and as yet unvaccinated); the 4 sqm rule will apply, and masks must be worn indoors. We will not be required to check a person’s vaccination status. **We anticipate that will be the weekend: Sat. October 30<sup>th</sup> and Sun. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. OUR MASSES WILL BE SAT. 5.30 P.M. AND SUN. 8 A.M., 10 AM., 5.30 P.M. We continue to urge everyone to be vaccinated.** There will be good ventilation, social distancing, hand sanitising, no congregational singing. People are free to remain at home to have live-streaming of Masses. Although congregational singing is not permitted, we presume that a cantor will be allowed.

**STAGE THREE – WHEN 90% ARE EXPECTED TO BE FULLY VACCINATED – perhaps by 1st DECEMBER 2021 – “THE NEW NORMAL”**