

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

CHURCH: 21 TWENTIETH AVE. HOXTON PARK

PARISH PRIEST: BROTHER PAT HURLEY

PARISH SECRETARY: MRS. TRACEY CARUANA

OFFICE THIS WEEK: Monday to Thursday 8.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

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SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT Mrs. Hevi Shiko 0424 024 929
but Hevi and her husband David recently welcomed their first child.

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THE MASS TIMES FOR THIS LORD'S DAY

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

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK Mon. 8 a.m. Tues. 7 p.m. Wed. 9 a.m. Thurs. 7 p.m.

THE FIVE CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday 24th) 5.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday 24th) 7.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS (Midnight) 12 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY (Saturday 25th) 8 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Saturday 25th) 10 a.m.

NO MASS ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT. Next Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 5.30 p.m.

We still need some Servers, Ministers of the Word and Communion, Cross Bearers, screen operators, Offertory procession, collectors, ushers, at Christmas Masses **Please check and see if you can volunteer to help. Please write your name then on the large page on the table in the foyer.**

RECONCILIATION (*Confession & Forgiveness*). Our priest is available in the Reconciliation Room this Tuesday and Thursday night **from 6 to 6.55 pm.**



WE CAN PREPARE A GIFT FOR CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS by giving through St. Vincent de Paul locally, through Caritas Project Compassion overseas. Envelopes for both of these agencies are now at the foot of the Jesse Tree

THE FILIPINO FEAST OF THE HOLY (BLACK) NAZARENE will be celebrated here in our grounds and Church on Sunday **9th Jan.** The Procession will begin 11.30 a.m. and Mass will start 12 Noon. Then there will follow a communal get together, food and drink) in the school grounds.

NEW PRINCIPAL. On behalf of Good Shepherd Parish we express our gratitude to the Catholic Schools Office for the selection and the appointment of **MRS. LEONIE SEWELL** as the new Principal of Good Shepherd Parish Primary School. Leonie has been the Assistant Principal at Holy Spirit School Carnes Hill. I look forward to working with Leonie and our newly appointed Religious Education Coordinator Joshua Whiteford (formerly resident in, and an active member of, our Parish) and our Family Educator Kathy Burke and all school staff for the benefit of our students and their families. *Bro. Pat*

NEW STATE GOVERNMENT RULES BECAUSE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC

Churches are open to all people regardless of their vaccination status. There is now no density limit for churches (no square metres rules) Masks are no longer compulsory inside a church, though strongly recommended. All members of the congregation are permitted to join in singing. QR Codes and our established check-in procedures are to continue. People without limit can attend a wedding or funeral, regardless of vaccination status.

I hope that this latest round of updates allows everyone in our Parish to celebrate Christmas (**CHRIST MASS**) as a united community. I encourage our good people to return to full, in-person participation in Mass on the Lord's Day each week (Saturday night or Sunday). Archbishop Fisher has formally advised that from now on all Catholics in the Archdiocese should participate in Sunday Mass whenever reasonably possible. With most people vaccinated and the numbers permitted in churches substantially increased, it is not difficult for people to attend Mass or receive other Sacraments. Gathering for the Eucharist on a Sunday, the First Day of the Week, the Lord's Day of Resurrection, is the most ancient Christian celebration and minimum expression of one's Catholic faith. (Of course, those who unwell or particularly anxious about their health should continue to remain at home, and try to follow a televised or streamed Mass. *Bro. Pat*