

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH: 21 TWENTIETH AVE. HOXTON PARK

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MASS TIMES HERE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

FIRST READING TODAY: The Books: EZRA and NEHEMIAH in the Old Testament deal with the time when, fifty years after being conquered by Babylon, some Jews from 538 BC on gradually returned to Jerusalem from exile. Ezra was religious leader and Nehemiah Governor during the restoration. **THE LAW** that is mentioned in today's reading would be early Old Testament, perhaps the Book of Deuteronomy.

SECOND: On the road to Damascus, Paul was converted from being a violent persecutor of the Church. Jesus said to him "Why are you persecuting **me**?" From then on, Paul saw an identity between Jesus and the Church - as in today's reading.

GOSPEL. This Church year in Ordinary Sundays we will be reading St. Luke's account of the Gospel. Today we read the first paragraph of it. Then we jump 3 chapters to where Jesus goes back to Galilee after his Baptism and desert retreat.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK (Third week of Ordinary Time)

Monday (the Memorial Day of Saint Francis de Sales) **8 a.m.**

Tuesday (the Feast Day of the Conversion of Saint Paul) **7 p.m.**

Wednesday (Public Holiday: Australia Day) **9 a.m.** Thursday **7 p.m.**

Friday (Memorial Day of St. Thomas Aquinas- teachers at Mass) **9 a.m.**

RECONCILIATION (*The Sacrament of Confession & Forgiveness*).

Our priest will be available in the Reconciliation Rooms Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 to 6.55 p.m. (before Mass) and Saturday 4 to 5 p.m. Our priest will be available at other times by appointment (9825 8154).

COVID REQUIREMENTS: **1.** All at Church must check-in using phones or signing the page in the foyer. **2.** We must wear masks inside.

FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY are prayed in the Church at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and before the 8 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN IN LOCAL STATE SCHOOLS NEED CATECHISTS (*½ hour a week from the beginning of March until the end of November*) in Middleton Grange, Hoxton Park and Hinchinbrook Public Schools. Our Catechists receive materials, training and guidance. We need several Catechists this year to cover the large numbers of Catholic children we teach. Please contact our Parish Office 9825 8154

PARISH CARITAS AMBASSADOR. It would be wonderful to have a parishioner who would be devoted in our Parish (and Parish School) to promoting the work of Caritas and encouraging us all to give great support to this important relief work. This would be especially helpful during Lent when we make a real effort for **Project Compassion**. On our Notice board now is a description of this role. If you would be interested in it, please talk to Bro. Pat.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet if possible please this Tuesday 25th January at 7.40 p.m. (after 7 p.m. Mass) in the Parish Meeting Room. There are published results of the first stage of the consultations from the Australian Plenary Council last year. Please follow the link to access them. <https://bit.ly/FirstAssembly> Councillors might like to wade through them and see if there is anything you might like to support or propose to our parish.

CONFIRMATION: For youngsters of our Parish in Year 6 at any school and our Catholic students (from any High School) not yet Confirmed. **The Parent Meetings** to enroll youngsters in the parish preparation are: **Sunday March 27th (for all fathers)** and **Sunday April 3rd (for all mothers)** at **6.45 p.m.** in Good Shepherd Church.. The meetings are **only** for adults. If your son or daughter received first Communion in Good Shepherd Church, there is no need to bring any certificates. Otherwise the certificates of Baptism and Holy Communion are needed.

WORKING BEE HERE NEXT SATURDAY 8 A.M. ONWARDS - PLEASE