

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH: 21 TWENTIETH AVE. HOXTON PARK**

**PARISH PRIEST:** BROTHER PAT HURLEY

**PARISH SECRETARY:** MRS. TRACEY CARUANA

**OFFICE:** Monday to Friday (8.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.)

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## MASS TIMES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SATURDAY 5.30 P.M.

SUNDAY 8 A.M.

SUNDAY 10 A.M.

SUNDAY 5.30 P.M.

### WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK (First week in Ordinary Time)

Monday 8 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m. Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m.

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

Our priest will be available in the Reconciliation Rooms on Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30 to 6.55 p.m. (before the 7 p.m. Mass) and on Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. Our priest will endeavour to be available for Reconciliation also at other times by appointment (9825 8154)

**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.

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

## REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (CHRISTENING).

In this Sacrament God brings a person into the family of Jesus, the Church, by sharing the life of Jesus with the Baptized. Jesus called Baptism "being **born again** through water and the Holy Spirit" - a new birth because a new life starts in us, a share the life and Spirit of Jesus. This new life washes away all sins: all personal sins and the Original Sin.

**INFANT BAPTISM.** Catholics, like the Orthodox, and many other Christians, believe Jesus welcomes little children into his life by Baptism when parents who have faith in Him bring children to the Church. Here Baptism of infants takes place normally on Sundays at 11.30 a.m. (sometimes though it can happen in Mass when couples involved in the Parish and in that Mass request this). Because of the pandemic, there is a backlog of infants' Baptisms, so other times may be needed. To arrange Baptisms please ring our Parish Secretary (9825 8154)

**ADULTS** are Baptized normally at Easter, after a group preparation called Catechumenate **or RCIA** (Rite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults). This takes several months but the time may vary depending on the readiness and the needs of the adults who are involved. However, with permission, an adult's Baptism can take place when a person is prepared.



**THE FILIPINO FEAST OF THE HOLY NAZARENE** will be celebrated here **this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January**. The devotion of many Filipinos to Jesus in his sufferings is shown through veneration of a life-sized image of a dark, kneeling Jesus carrying the Cross. The original is in the Basilica in Quiapo in Manila. Here at **11.30 a.m.** this Sunday there will be a procession with a replica image and then Mass at **12 Noon** in Church. After Mass food will be provided for the community

**MARIA P. CARPIO, OF BULACAN, PHILIPPINES.** If anyone knows this person, please contact our priest Bro. Pat after Mass or at the Parish Office. A very large parcel meant for her has been found in this parish.