GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH: 21 TWENTIETH AVE. HOXTON PARK

PARISH PRIEST:BROTHER PAT HURLEYPARISH SECRETARY:MRS. TRACEY CARUANA

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COVID REQUIREMENTS: All must 1. check-in with phones or by signing the page in the foyer. 2. wear masks inside 3. maintain social distancing between non-related people, even coming to Holy Communion.

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: This is a balanced poem in the Jewish wisdom tradition. Stressing God's providence, it is an introduction to today's Gospel.

SECOND READING St. Paul continues his argument for resurrection beyond this life. It is our firm hope that our faithful departed share in that new life.

GOSPEL READING. This "Sermon on the Plain" can be compared and contrasted with the "Sermon on the Mount" in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday (MEMORIAL OF CYRIL AND METHODIUS) 8 a.m. Tuesday 7 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. Thursday (MASS BEGINS EARLY) 6.45 p.m. Friday: (THE FUNERAL MASS OF PELLEGRINO PINO BALLARIN) 10.30 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).

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.

PARISH CARITAS AMBASSADOR. It would be wonderful to have a parishioner who would be devoted in our Parish to promoting the work of Caritas and encouraging all to give great support to this important relief. 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 consider taking up this task, please talk to our priest Brother Pat. Lent begins this year on Wednesday week March 2nd: ASH WEDNESDAY.

COME BACK TO ME LENTEN COMPANION 2022. For the first time in a very long time our Archdiocese produced a guide for groups and individuals to use as a basis for prayer, reflection and discussion in Lent. Would you like to be part of a group that meets once a week during the Season of Lent to pray together, discuss Gospel messages of Lent and perhaps make suggestions for the Parish or for our individual lives? It would be good to have a group meeting in the evening (say Monday nights), a group meeting mid-week (say **Tuesday mornings**) and a group that meets on the week-end (say Saturday early afternoon). It could be possible to use Good Shepherd Hall or Meeting Room or you could gather in parishioners' homes if you so wished. Please have a look today at a Lenten Companion booklet on the table in the foyer but don't take one away. They will be available before Ash Wednesday. If you would like to be part of a group or could organise your group, please ring and talk to Tracey at the Office 9825 8154 or leave a message for her to call you back

PARISH LITURGY HELPERS. All past rosters for **READERS**, **SERVERS**, **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**, **COMMENTATERS** have gone because of the pandemic. Now that many people are taking part again in Mass our Pastoral Council wishes to encourage more people to take up these tasks. If you are willing to start or start again, please indicate on a page on the foyer table. If you have already done so, thank you.

CONFIRMATION: For Parish youngsters in **Year 6** at any school and any Parish students (who are not Confirmed) from any **High School**. **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.