GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH: 21 TWENTIETH AVE. HOXTON PARK

PARISH PRIEST: BROTHER PAT HURLEY
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NSW: CHURCH COVID LAW NOW: over 12's must wear masks inside.

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. 1,010 years before Christ. Saul (the first King of the Jews) was paranoid in his envy of David, who would ultimately be his successor. David on the other hand is shown to be a man of compassion and respect. The reading can serve as an introduction to today's Gospel passage.

SECOND READING St. Paul continues his argument for life beyond this life.

GOSPEL We continue with Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain" from the Gospel according to Luke, repeating sayings we heard from the "Sermon on the Mount' in Matthew's account, as well as reflecting Wisdom sayings of the Old Testament.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday 8 a.m. Tuesday (CHAIR OF PETER) 7 p.m. Wednesday (ST. POLYCARP) 9 a.m. Thursday (6.45 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (The Sacrament of Confession & Forgiveness). Our priest will be in the Reconciliation Rooms Tuesday 6.30 to 6.55 p.m. and Thursday 6.10 to 6.40 p.m. (before the 6.45 Mass) and Saturday 4 to 5 p.m. He will also be available at other times by appointment (98258154).

FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY are prayed in the Church at 8.30 a.m. Wednesdays and 7.45 a.m. (before 8 a.m. Mass) Mondays.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY. Free copies of this always interesting newspaper are available for you to take and read. Also let us remember to keep supporting the work of **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DE PAUL POOR BOXES.**

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. We invite as many adults as possible to take sets of the Project Compassion envelopes to support CARITAS Australian Catholic Overseas Aid during Lent. Pensioners / children / families are invited to take & use Project Compassion boxes.

"COME BACK TO ME" 2022. Our Archdiocese produced the guide "Come Back To Me" for groups/individuals to use as a basis for prayer, reflection & discussion in Lent. Free copies are available for you in the foyer now. A group will meet every Wednesday morning in Church: after 9 a.m. Mass, so about 9.40 a.m. starting Ash Wednesday March 2nd, then March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & April 6th. using "COME BACK TO ME". You are invited to join in. If you would like an evening meeting (at home or here) please let our Secretary Tracey know and she will fit you in and/or advertise your group.

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 3**rd (**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.

GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE HSC RESULTS 2021 THE MERIT LIST.

In the foyer are copies of this document detailing the excellent results of 44 out of the 88 of our Good Samaritan College students listed by the NSW Education Department as "Distinguished Achievers". We are proud of these results especially as so many of the 88 students were former pupils of our Good Shepherd Parish Primary School.

PARISH LITURGY TASKS: READERS, SERVERS, COMMUNION MINISTERS We haven't forgotten you and we still need many more volunteers. Newcomers will need guidance and training and the adults Working With Children checks.