

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. This book was written about 190 BC. It consists largely of moral teachings, often taking an extremely pessimistic view of human nature. Nevertheless, there is lasting good sense often to be unearthed from it, like today's warning that our **speech** reveals our character, or lack of it. The book is in the Greek version of the Old Testament, called the Septuagint...

SECOND READING St. Paul continues writing about the life beyond this life.

GOSPEL We continue with Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain" from St. Luke's Gospel.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY begins **LENT**, the Church season of prayer, self-discipline, reconciliation and generosity, leading to Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

In Catholic Church law, Ash Wednesday (like Good Friday) is a day of **some fasting from food and drink** (for Catholics aged 18 to 60 years) and also a day of **abstaining from meat** (for Catholics aged 14 and older).

There will be **2 Masses here** (with giving of ashes) one **9 a.m.** and one **6 p.m.**

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK : Monday 8 a.m. Tuesday 7 p.m. Wednesday (ASH WEDNESDAY) 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday 6.45 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m. and also on Friday (FILIPINO NAZARENE MASS) 7 p.m.

PROJECT COMPASSION helps us keep the **LENTEN** spirit by supporting **CARITAS** (Australian Catholic Relief Overseas Aid) in its work for the poor in developing areas and for those in distress because of disasters. **Adults: please let us use the Project Compassion envelopes and let us try to give a definite amount for each of the 40 days of Lent. We can bring an envelope each Sunday in Lent for the week past and place it on either of the collections. The counters will know what it is for by the Project Compassion envelope.**

Children: please try to give up some things you like and put any money you save into the Project Compassion boxes to help those in need. You can take as many boxes as you can use, one after another.

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 each night Mass) and Saturday 4 to 5 p.m. Please note the changed times for Reconciliation and Mass on Thursday because of the First Communion preparation which follows. Our priest will be available at other times by appointment (9825 8154).

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.**

"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. You are invited to join in.

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.

