

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.

BY GOD'S GRACIOUS HELP - BY HIS GRACE

LENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DEEPENING OUR PRAYER.

LENT IS A SEASON OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STRENGTHENING OUR CHARACTER.

LENT IS A SEASON OF SACRIFICE AND GENEROSITY.

LENT IS A TIME FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

WEEKDAY MASSES HERE THIS FIRST WEEK OF LENT: Monday 8 a.m.
Tuesday 7 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. Thursday 7 p.m. Friday 9 a.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 use the Compassion envelopes.** **Children: please try to give up some things you like and put money you save into the Compassion boxes to help those in need.**

RECONCILIATION (*Sacrament of Confession & Forgiveness*). Our priest will be in the Reconciliation Rooms for the Sacrament Tuesday & Thursday 6.30 to 6.55 p.m.(before 7 p.m.Mass) and also Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

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

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" Our Archdiocese produced the guide "Come Back To Me" for groups/individuals to use as a basis for prayer, reflection & discussion in Lent. A group meets on Wednesday morning in the meeting room: after 9 a.m. Mass. You're invited. **Free copies are available for you in the foyer now for individual or family prayer and reflection.**

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.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed in our Church at **7 p.m.** on these **three** Fridays: **March 11th, 18th, and 25th** There will be the Filipino Mass in honour of the Nazarene on April 1st. and hopefully the outdoor drama of the Way of the Cross Good Friday April 15th.

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 LITURGY TASKS: READERS, SERVERS, COMMUNION MINISTERS
We still need volunteers. There are pages on the table in the foyer where you can write your name and details. Good training will be given.