

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH

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MASS TIMES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SATURDAY 5.30 P.M. SUNDAY 8 A.M. 10 A.M. 5.30 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THIS THIRD WEEK OF THE EASTER SEASON

MONDAY (*The Feast Day of St. Athanasius*) 8 a.m. **TUESDAY** (*Feast Day of Apostles Philip & James*) 7 p.m. **WEDNESDAY** (*Easter Mass*) 9 a.m. **THURSDAY** (*an Easter Mass*) 7 p.m. **FRIDAY** (*School Easter Mass*) 9 a.m. **FRIDAY ALSO** (Filipino Mass in honour of the Nazarene) 7 p.m.

RECONCILIATION (*Confession & Forgiveness*). Our priest is available in the Reconciliation Rooms here Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30 p.m. to 6.55 p.m. and on Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Australian Catholic Relief (Caritas). Our Parish has an enviable reputation for generosity to Project Compassion. **If not already, please bring back your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes next weekend with whatever you can afford in them.**

PHOTOGRAPHS taken by the professional photographer at the children's **First Holy Communion Masses** earlier this year will be available in the Parish Meeting Room this **Thursday 5th May 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ TO ADDRESS THE SYDNEY CHURCH as part of the 'Go Make Disciples' effort. This presenter of the 'Bible in a Year' podcast will speak to us on the topic 'Why do it? What our Tradition tells from the Apostles to the present.' Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

THE SYDNEY CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) supports *the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, also CatholicCare* (programs in Ageing, Disability, Children & Youth, Employment, Marriage & Family), *University Chaplaincies, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)* supporting Catechists in State schools, *Ephpheta Centre* for hearing impaired, and *the two Sydney Seminaries* for the formation of future priests **The Charitable Works Fund Appeal will be held at Masses in Sydney Parishes next weekend.** Our Parish, like all Sydney parishes has a quota to meet. Ours is **\$1,700**. Feel free to take a CWF envelope today to bring back a donation next week. Thank you.

A PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting is proposed for **Monday week 9th May at 7 p.m.** to peruse and verify the last Annual Finance Statement. Would members please let Bro. Pat know if this is convenient. Copies of the Statement are available for the Committee members now in the Sacristy.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION GROUPS begin Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Church. Each youngster with a parent (and bringing a folder) needs to attend **every one** of the four meetings. Bishop Terry Brady is the Celebrant of their Confirmations in 2 Masses on Saturday June 4th.

A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is proposed for Tuesday 17th May at 7.40 p.m.

ADULT BAPTISMS OR ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLICS take place after a group preparation called the **Catechumenate** or **the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA). If an adult in our district is interested in being Baptized or anyone already Christened in another Church is interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact our Office or our priest. We intend to begin this preparation of adults in meetings involving members of the Parish plus Brother Pat on **Sunday June 12th at 6.45 p.m.**

INFANT BAPTISMS (for children of **Parish Families**) are by appointment celebrated here each Sunday of the year, normally **11.30 a.m.** Our priest visits the family at home beforehand to help prepare for the Christening and to obtain details for the Baptism Certificate and Register. **Parish Families** are **EITHER** those who live within our boundaries (Hoxton Park, Middleton Grange, Elizabeth Hills, & Hinchinbrook **OR** families who normally take part in Mass here for the Lord's Day (Saturday night or Sunday) each weekend.