

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH: 21 TWENTIETH AVE. HOXTON PARK

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MASSES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Previously we were restricted to **50** people at any Mass in Church.

The good news is now we are permitted to have 80 people, based on the 4 square metre rule for each & the size of our building.

Also we can permit couples and family members to be together at Mass then there needs to be 2 metres space to the next person who is not a member of the family, provided we have no more than 80 people inside the Church We will have chairs **in the foyer** appropriately spaced. There will be chairs **outside** if this suits people.

Before Mass all are asked to make sure that their details are recorded on the pages in the foyer, to use the sanitizer, and to take a bulletin. We will have ushers to guide people to fill up the places from the front so that we maximise the number of people inside the Church.

Other than couples and family groups, please be where there is a white sticker on the pew back in front of you. Sadly, there must be no singing, no handshakes, no offertory procession, no Communion from the chalice or on the tongue. We must keep social distance, even coming to Communion. Please do not be at Mass if you are unwell. If you missed the chance to come to weekend Mass in the Church and are reading this bulletin at home, please help to bring family together for prayer.

MASS ONLINE. We continue to have a Sunday Mass on Youtube. The link is on website www.hoxtonpark.org.au on Friday night.

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK MONDAY **8 a.m.** TUESDAY **7 p.m.**
WEDNESDAY **9 a.m.** THURSDAY **7 p.m.** FRIDAY **9 a.m.**

FOR PRIVATE PRAYER. Every morning our Church will be open from **8 to 9 a.m.** Every evening open from **5 to 6 p.m.**

RECONCILIATION Our priest is in the Reconciliation Room Tuesday & Thursday 6.30 - 6.55 p.m. and Saturday 4 to 5 p.m. or if approached during private prayer times. Other times are by appointment.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS HERE IN GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

FIRST RECONCILIATION It has been decided to defer this Sacrament (confession & forgiveness) till early next year. This affects current Year 2 Catholic children as well as older children who are yet to receive this. They would be included in First Communion events later that same year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Year 3 children at any school or older are eligible, provided they have begun receiving Reconciliation (Confession). It has been decided to continue with the arrangements already decided: **Enrolment Evenings** for parents to enrol children in the preparation **for all fathers:** Sunday Sept. 13th / **for all mothers:** Sunday Sept. 20th Both meetings are at 6.45 p.m. in the Church and are not for the children. **The actual first receiving of Holy Communion** we plan to take place in the four weekend Masses of the feast of Christ the King **Nov. 21 /22.**

CONFIRMATION. We hope to be able to celebrate this Sacrament later this year. Baptised Catholic Children in Year 6 or in a higher class at any school are eligible. In fact it is the right of Baptised children to receive this Sacrament because it is in effect the other half of Baptism: Orthodox Christians and Eastern rite Catholics receive Confirmation at the same time as Baptism. We should know the arrangements here by mid August.

PARISH ENVELOPES. They help us to give an amount each week and the Parish a consistent income. We thank those who use them. New sets are at the back now. If you wish to use them please fill in a card in the foyer and hand it to our priest or in at the Office. Donations are 30% tax-deductible.

RECEIPTS for your donations to Charitable Works Fund, Project Compassion, Parish envelopes, & Priests' Retirement Fund given on request.