

GOOD SHEPHERD 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.

FIRST READING TODAY. St. Luke describes the early Church becoming an outgoing community. He writes of it happening spectacularly on a Jewish sacred day, which celebrated a harvest festival and the giving of the Jewish Law to Moses. The Jewish 50 days festival time from Passover to Pentecost (Pesach to Shavuot) meant that there were lots of Jewish visitors in Jerusalem from different countries.

SECOND READING. The Prophet Isaiah wrote of the *gifts* of the Holy Spirit. In this reading St. Paul finishes with what are called the *fruits* of the Holy Spirit

GOSPEL. In his Last Supper talk (before He suffered, died, rose & ascended) Jesus several times (like in this reading) promised another Helper: the Holy Spirit.

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THIS EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME:

Monday (*The Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians*) 8 a.m. Tuesday 7 p.m.
Wednesday (*Memorial Day St. Philip Neri*) 9 a.m. Thursday 7 p.m. Friday 9 a.m.

RECONCILIATION *Confession and Forgiveness.* Our priest is available in the Reconciliation Rooms on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30 to 6.55 p.m. (before 7 p.m. Mass) and Saturdays 4 to 5 p.m., or at other times by appointment.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK: from next Thursday May 27th (the anniversary of the 1967 referendum) to Thursday June 3rd (the anniversary of the High Court Mabo decision). This week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving national reconciliation.

CHILDREN RECEIVING RECONCILIATION: FIRST CONFESSION.

Church law requires that children begin to experience this Sacrament before they begin receiving Holy Communion. In our Parish normally our children begin receiving this Sacrament of forgiveness when they are in Year 2. But last year it was not possible to celebrate any first Reconciliations because of the pandemic restrictions. **So this year** Catholic children of our area in any school who are in Year 2 and also those in Year 3 who missed out last year or any children in a higher class can be prepared here to make their first Reconciliation. Once they have done this, the children now in Year 3 or a higher class can be prepared for their **first Communion** later this year. For those children who are currently in Year 2 their first Communion will be in next year.

PREPARATION NIGHTS for parents to enrol children for Reconciliation:

a) **for all fathers please:** next Saturday 29th in Church at 6.45 p.m.
b) **for all mothers please:** next Sunday 30th in the Church at 6.45 p.m.
These meetings are only for adults, for parents, definitely not for children. Details of each child's Baptism, Christening, will be needed. Parents who are not Catholics are not required to come but are welcome.

MORE NEW HELPERS NEEDED, PLEASE. Disruptions of the pandemic last year and this year have meant that we need to start again with our rosters. We thank those who continue to help us and those who said they intend to keep doing so. Firstly: **urgently required** are volunteers for cleaning the Church on a Saturday morning. Also needed: new Altar Servers, new Readers and Commentators, new Ministers of Communion. If you volunteer, you will be guided and supported in the ministry.

I am willing to help in Good Shepherd Parish by joining the roster of

CLEANERS: NAME

READERS NAME

SERVERS NAME

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