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MASS TIMES FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS 27th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:

Tuesday 7 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. Thursday 7.30 a.m. Friday 9 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (*Confession & Forgiveness*) Our priest is available in the Reconciliation Rooms Tuesday and Thursday from **6.20 p.m. to 6.50 p.m.** (before 7 p.m. Mass) and Saturday from **4.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.**

SAMOAN MASS EACH 1st SUNDAY at 11.30 a.m.

ROSARY Every Wednesday morning 8.35 a.m.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION Tuesday from **6 p.m**

CHILDRENS LITURGY Every 3rd Sunday 10 a.m. Mass.

WOMENS PRAYER GROUP This Sunday October 8th from 4pm -5 pm in the church. Inviting all women to come together and reflect on the Bible to find peace and happiness in life. Please contact the Parish Office 9825 8154 for enquiries.

YOUNG ADULTS PRAYER GROUP (ages 18-35) Wednesday at **7:30 pm** in the Church for enquiries contact the Parish Office.

THE SIGN – A BOOK OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS are for sale **\$5 each. Please place your money in the clearly marked box at the back of the Church.** Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024). Immerse yourself in the timeless words of Scripture, expertly curated to illuminate the true essence of these holy seasons heralding the birth of Christ.

FIRST RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION. Parish children in Year 3 or a higher class at any school can be prepared, provided they have begun receiving Reconciliation. **Enrolment Evenings for all parents to enrol their children in the parish preparation are a) for all the fathers: Next Saturday October 14th at 6.45 p.m. b) for all the mothers: Next Sunday October 15th at 6.45 p.m.** These meetings are not for children. Details of child's Baptism and first receiving Reconciliation are needed, please.

AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA Public Rosary on the 13th October, 2023 via zoom at 7 p.m. Please see the noticeboard for more details of the Public Rosary. Australia Needs Fatima Website is very informative for those wanting to learn more about Our Lady of Fatima. Website: www.fatima.org.au

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY DESIRES? St John Paul II's catechesis *Theology of the Body* is a scriptural reflection on the human experience of embodiment as integrated to human desires and longing for union with God. Good Shepherd Parish is inviting everyone to a night of reflection on this catechesis of discovering how the human body reveals God. This will be held on 11 November 2023 commencing after the 5:30 pm Mass. Supper will be provided. This is the first of a series of reflections as part of our Parish faith formation and Parish community-building. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be administered at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on Sunday, 29 October 2023 at 10.30 a.m. Any adult who wishes to receive this gift of the Holy Spirit please contact our Parish Office to organise this.

SCAM WARNING Dear Parishioners, there have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that neither I nor any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person.

ROSTER FOR THE NEXT LORD'S DAY

October 14/15	Sat. 5.30 p.m.	Sun. 8 a.m.	Sun. 10 a.m.	Sun. 5.30 p.m.
Commentator Reader	Mark Gates E. Sokwala	Michael Bernabe Charlotte Jaison	Anna Obmasca Craig Pinnell	Christian Olegario Angel Albarico
Communion Ministers	Joe Zammit Noel O'Donnell	Abella Bernabe Sally Espino	N. Obmasca Angela Agius	Zelinda Murphy Beverly Fraser

MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE Child sexual abuse is a **crime**. The appropriate people to deal with crime are **police**. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Or there is the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office **9390 5810** which has a legal obligation to report crimes to police. Our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer MAJA PETKOVIC is also available through the Parish Office for support and guidance.