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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 FOR THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday 9 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 7.30 a.m. Friday 9 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION** Tuesday 6.20 p.m. to 6.50 p.m. Saturday 4.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

**NAZARENE MASS EACH 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY** at 7 p.m.

**SAMOAN MASS EACH 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** at 11.30 a.m.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY EVERY 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY** 10 a.m. Mass.

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

**ROSARY** Every Wednesday morning 8.35 a.m.

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

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY** begins **LENT**, the Church season of prayer, self-discipline, reconciliation and generosity, leading to Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. In Catholic Church law, Ash Wednesday (like Good Friday) is a day of **some fasting from food and drink** (for Catholics aged 18 to 60 years) and also a day of **abstaining from meat** (for Catholics aged 14 and older).

There will be 2 Masses 9 a.m. with Good Shepherd School and 6.30 p.m.

**“REPENT AND BELIEVE” LENTEN COMPANION 2024** booklets are available in the Church foyer. The booklet is a comprehensive companion during Lent, to put aside time each Sunday to Pray, read the Gospel passage and to reflect.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** helps us keep the **LENTEN** spirit by supporting **CARITAS** (Australian Catholic Relief Overseas Aid) There are **Compassion envelopes** for those who would like to give weekly donations, or there are **Compassion boxes** to keep until the Triduum when you can return the box with your donations.

**SEEKING ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERS** Seeking Vinnies Members! The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for people in this Parish and local community who are interested in joining the Society as Conference Members. Vinnies has opportunities for young people (over 16 years) to get involved in providing a hand up to those in need, and opportunities for adults who want to become a member. All around the State, Members of the Society are responding to the needs of their local communities in groups known as 'Conferences'. Conferences grow organically from within our communities, from parishes, schools, universities and workplaces. As a member, you have the opportunity to make a difference by providing a hand up to people in need, identifying longer-term needs in the community and raising our voices for social justice. **To find out more about becoming a Member of the Society, speak to one of our Vinnies Members after Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 or join us at our Vinnies Information session in the Parish meeting room on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7p.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 HELPING OTHERS**

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST** are hosting a Lenten retreat with Father Roni George from Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby. Come with your friends and family to receive God's healing touch. There will be worship, healing mass and adoration at Good Shepherd Church 21 Twentieth Ave., Hoxton Park on Friday March 22nd from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

**ROSTER FOR THE NEXT LORD'S DAY**

<b>Feb. 17/18</b>	<b>Sat. 5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sun. 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Sun. 10 a.m.</b>	<b>Sun. 5.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Commentator Reader</b>	Mark Gates Angela Agius	Tivoli Vaiotu Marc Ghignone	Mario Lizada Cesar Santos	Beverly Fraser Alestaire Albarico
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Noel O'Donnell Genevieve Bruce	Susan Ives Abella Bernabe	E. Rodriguez Sharon Ama	Zelinda Murphy Andrew Fraser