



18 September 2020

Dear friends,

We are being spiritually united each Sunday at 11am at [www.baysidecatholicmission.org](http://www.baysidecatholicmission.org) and praying in our own time and way at home. This Sunday Mass (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) will be streamed from the 'pop up' church at Gardenvale.

The liturgy guide and prayers and a good range of prayer suggestions and can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.au/prayathome#Sunday>

**'Meet and Greet' - Tuesday 22 September at 10.30am or 7pm**

Next Tuesday will be another opportunity for a 'Meet and Greet' session with Fr Dean and myself- either in the morning or the evening.

***PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE GROUP MEETINGS- BRING ALONG A CUPPA AND SHARE SOME TIME TOGETHER***

*Morning Tea, Tuesday 22 September at 10.30am*

*Book here - [www.trybooking.com/BLOVZ](http://www.trybooking.com/BLOVZ)*

*Evening Gathering, Tuesday 22 September at 7:30pm*

*Book here - [www.trybooking.com/BLOWA](http://www.trybooking.com/BLOWA)*

**Temporary church at Gardenvale**

As we have spoken about, and I have indicated previously, the temporary church at Gardenvale will be discontinued in the very near future. The cost is extremely prohibitive (\$4,000 per quarter) and we are now receiving no subsidy from this from Catholic Church Insurances.

We also understand the desire of the St James community to be able to worship on the site until the church is finished. Some suggestions were put forward, and we will try to accommodate what might be possible, however we are not at a stage to make any plans or commitments about this. You will understand that COVID times, combined with other factors, are very challenging to set any plans in place for the future.

**Looking at the Parish Forum**

Thank you to those who joined us last Wednesday evening for the session where we looked at what our parishes are, and how we might think about the future of parish life. It was great to see about 100 people on-line who joined us. Our special thanks to Lorraine McCarthy from the Archdiocese for facilitating the evening. We were all left with a lot to think about and ponder!



## Social Services Sunday

On 20th September 2020, we mark [Social Services Sunday](#) within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we are invited to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 45 [member organisations](#), the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond. We call to mind the 2020/21 Social Justice Statement brought out recently by the Australian Catholic bishops, [To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today](#), and so draw your attention to a recent event hosted by CSSV, [Counselling and Therapeutic Support in a Time of COVID](#), which provided an opportunity to become more familiar with mental health services, and how to practically reach out for or point to assistance. Parishioners will find the resources in this article helpful.

## Mission and Stewardship Teams

The next meeting of the Teams will be on this coming Wednesday and Thursday respectively. If you have any questions, or any issues you would like to raise, please contact your parish representative.

## St Joseph's School, Black Rock

Last Wednesday we announced that Mr Liam Buckley has been appointed as the new Principal of St Joseph's, commencing in Term 4. Details of the announcement are on the Bayside Catholic Mission Facebook page.

## Support of our Communities

Thank you to those who generously support our communities with your prayers and financial support during this time. As our normal sources of income (our collections) have stopped, we are extremely grateful to those who continue their contributions. Whilst Masses and sacraments have stopped, the bills have not!

If you would like information about direct debit options, please contact your local parish office:

[Brighton@cam.org.au](mailto:Brighton@cam.org.au) (St James and St Joan of Arc)

[Hampton@cam.org.au](mailto:Hampton@cam.org.au) (St Mary's)

[Sandringham@cam.org.au](mailto:Sandringham@cam.org.au) (Sacred Heart)

[Rickettspoint@cam.org.au](mailto:Rickettspoint@cam.org.au) (Stella Maris and St Joseph's)



## Act of Spiritual Communion

As you participate in Mass on-line, I invite you to make the Act of Spiritual Communion during Mass. You might also like to include this in your daily or regular prayers.

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

*St Alphonsus Liguori, alt. (1696-1787)*

Fr Dean and I had a nice Zoom morning tea with the secretaries from the communities again on Thursday, looking at some ways we can share the administrative load across our communities. Our communities are certainly blessed by some very fine and wonderful 'front line' people!

We had an initial meeting with our Child Safety Officers and Safeguarding Committees last Tuesday, facilitated by Tamara of the Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese. This gathering looks very promising as a way to share resources and lighten the workload for each parish. We plan to meet again in a fortnight.

We are also planning a Zoom catch up with the St Vincent de Paul Conferences in the area in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to those who have offered their support and advice over the past month since we have been here. We are especially grateful to the parish staff of the different communities who have been such a great support to us over these weeks.

Please pass on this email to anyone else you know who might not be receiving it. I know that not all parishioners have their email addresses registered with the parish. Please pass on the news to anyone you know.

May the Lord bless and protect you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father David Cartwright  
Moderator, Bayside Mission