



9 October 2020

Dear friends,

We are being spiritually united each Sunday at 11am at www.baysidecatholicmission.org and praying in our own time and way at home. This Sunday Mass (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time) will be streamed from Sacred Heart Church, Sandringham.

The liturgy guide and prayers and a good range of prayer suggestions and can be accessed at:

<https://catholic.org.au/prayathome#Sunday>

Mission and Stewardship Teams

On Tuesday evening our Stewardship Team met. We spoke about:

- We welcomed Charlie Mellican, our new Business Manager
- We spoke at length about the new Governance structures for parish primary schools in the Archdiocese and the implications of this for parish life. These matters will be taken up by individual Parish Councils and Finance Committees
- Parish Income record keeping

On Wednesday evening our Mission Team met and discussed:

- The compilation of a 'Directory' of parish groups across the Mission
- A way of getting to know our different communities by bulletin inserts each week
- Youth Mission Team possibility for 2021
- Communications: use of some videos to meet our people and communicate better—
- Discussion of the proposed Sunday Mass schedule. This should be announced in the coming week.
- School Governance- implications for parishes and use of land and facilities

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confessions

Following the slight easing of restrictions, there is an allowance for a small gathering of no more than five people outside a Place of Worship. The 'guidelines' state:

Religious Gatherings: Can also take place outdoors with five people plus a faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship with only one group permitted at a time. You can only travel up to 5km from your home to attend a gathering and only for 2 hours.

Within the constraints of these guidelines, we are now able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation outdoors, with some social distancing and face masks.

Confessions will be available this Saturday morning outside Stella Maris church, Beaumaris from 10-11am. To comply with government rules, there is only allowed to be a maximum of five people waiting at any time in the designated space. If there are five people waiting, please remain in your car, or at a distance. Please also remember to wear a face mask and observe social distancing.



Baptisms

As we are allowed to have a religious gathering outside, we are able to offer the Sacrament of Baptism, outside the church building (but in the vicinity of it) with a maximum of five people. We are aware that quite a number of people have children waiting for baptism. If you would like to proceed, observing the limitations of numbers and spacing, please email your parish office and we will make arrangements for you.

Praying and meeting together

As the current restrictions allow religious gatherings of five people and a 'faith leader' we will can have some prayer gatherings of five people at a time. Although it is a small group, nonetheless, it is some opportunity to pray and spend time with each other and for Fr Dean and I to get to know some of you.

Friday 9th Oct, 5pm or 6pm at St Joan of Arc, Brighton

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLYGI>

Saturday 10th Oct, 12pm or 1pm Sacred Heart, Sandringham

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLYGP>

Bayside Mission 2020 – 'Where to from here ?'

We will be having a series of four weekly talks and discussions about the Bayside Catholic Mission and how we can engage and support each other and the concept of mission in our communities and beyond. More information about the format and the speakers will be announced soon. In the meantime, please keep the dates free:

Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November at 7.30pm.

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 (St James and St Joan of Arc)

Hampton@cam.org.au (St Mary's)

Sandringham@cam.org.au (Sacred Heart)

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)

Secretaries Meeting

Last Thursday morning we had a Zoom catch up with the secretaries to look at the possibilities of some sharing a parish bulletin, whilst retaining the identity of each community. We will have something to share with you very soon about this.

Pope Francis' Encyclical

Last Sunday was the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. On this day, Pope Francis released his latest Encyclical (Papal Letter), entitled 'Fratelli Tutti', 'On Fraternity and Social Friendship'. It is a long document with much to reflect on.

In the opening paragraphs, the Holy Father writes:

As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident.....

It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women.....Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all. (Fratelli Tutti, nn7-8)

I think these are very fine sentiments for us to ponder in our Mission in Bayside as we seek to work together to build the Kingdom of God among us in a better and more vibrant way.

Read the entire Encyclical [HERE](#)

Please pass on this email to anyone else you know who might not be receiving it and encourage them to sign up on the website. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Cartwright", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Father David Cartwright
Moderator, Bayside Mission