



16 October 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 (29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) will be streamed from St Joseph's, Black Rock.

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

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

### **Mass Times**

At the end of the Mass this Sunday, we will be making an announcement about Sunday Mass times. The video presentation will then be available to view on the website.

### **Parish Meetings**

We will hold meetings for each community via Zoom in a couple of weeks.

It will be an opportunity give an update about various matters pertaining to parishes.

Please register by clicking on the links below, or go to the website.

[St James - Tues 27th Oct, 6:30pm](#)

[St Joan of Arc - Tues 27th Oct, 7:45pm](#)

[St Mary's - Wed 28th Oct, 6:30pm](#)

[Sacred Heart - Wed 28th Oct, 7:45pm](#)

[Nazareth - Thurs 29th Oct, 7:30pm](#)

### **Bayside Mission 2020– ‘Where to from here ?’**

Save the date for our series of four weekly talks and discussions about the Bayside Catholic Mission as we look to the future. More information about the format and the speakers (including the Archbishop!) will be announced soon. In the meantime, please keep the dates free:

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



### **Bayside Interim Mission Team**

Here you can view a short video introducing you to the members of the Interim Mission team that have been assisting Fr David and I over the last months. They are representatives of our parishes.

<https://youtu.be/q37WWeAvH5c>



### **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.

**Saturday 17th AND 24th Oct, 12pm or 1pm at St Mary's, Hampton**

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

**Wednesday 21st Oct, 10am or 11am at St Joan of Arc, Brighton**

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

### **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)***



## **Pope Francis' Encyclical**

Here's another excerpt from Pope Francis' Encyclical (Papal Letter), entitled 'Fratelli Tutti', 'On Fraternity and Social Friendship'.

*"We can start from below and, case by case, act at the most concrete and local levels, and then expand to the farthest reaches of our countries and our world, with the same care and concern that the Samaritan showed for each of the wounded man's injuries. Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts. Difficulties that seem overwhelming are opportunities for growth, not excuses for a glum resignation that can lead only to acquiescence. Yet let us not do this alone, as individuals. ... Let us renounce the pettiness and resentment of useless in-fighting and constant confrontation. Let us stop feeling sorry for ourselves and acknowledge our crimes, our apathy, our lies. Reparation and reconciliation will give us new life and set us all free from fear." (No. 78)*

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,

Father Dean Mathieson  
Parish Priest, Bayside Mission