



30 October 2020

Dear friends,

Thanks to those who took the opportunity to meet with us in parish groups during the week. We met with each community individually for a time of prayer, a presentation and some questions. We were also pleased to introduce to you our Business Manager, Charlie Mellican, who presented the financial position of each parish to our communities. It was good to share this time with you all.

We also had a good meeting with our parish staff to plan the preparation of our Sunday Masses this weekend.

Sunday Mass

I am sure that we all welcomed the announcement this week about the easing of restrictions which will allow our churches to be opened for a small group of ten people. With this in mind, we will commence our new Sunday Mass timetable this week at each church. Bookings for Mass will be via the TryBooking website and will open from 9am Saturday morning.

Here is the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/baysidemasses>

M A S S T I M E S	
Sat 5pm	Sacred Heart, Sandringham
Sat 6pm	St Mary's, Hampton
Sun 8am	St Joseph's, Black Rock
Sun 9am	Sacred Heart, Sandringham
Sun 10:30am	Stella Maris, Beaumaris
Sun 11am	St Joan of Arc, Brighton
Sun 5:30pm	St James', Gardenvale

We are aware that not everyone is able to access the internet and book in this manner. We are speaking with each community to try to make sure that we care for these people in enabling them to attend Mass in this time.

At the moment, the weekday Mass timetable is still under consideration by the Mission Team, and we hope to finalise this very soon. A couple of options that have been presented to us include making some provision for evening and early morning weekday Masses, and not only the usual mid morning times that have been common



‘Vision for the Future’ Series

BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION

Vision for the Future

Thurs 5th Nov, 7pm
Bayside: Parishes or Mission?
Archbishop Peter Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

Thurs 12th Nov, 7pm
Bayside: Looking Forward
Jude Hennessy
Director of the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation, Diocese of Wollongong

Thurs 19th Nov, 7pm
Mission as Life-Giving
Dr Maeve Heaney VDMF
Director, Xavier Centre for Theological Formation, ACU.

Thurs 26th Nov, 7pm
Launching Into the Deep
Vivien Dolar
Former Missionary with NET Australia
Masters of Spiritual Direction Student

Join the Zoom at [baysidecatholicmission.org](https://www.baysidecatholicmission.org)

Please join us for this important presentation series, starting this Thursday 5th November. God here to book your place: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMLAA>

Risk Assessments

As part of the review of the properties and assets of each community, there is a Risk Assessment being done on some properties to ensure that we are all compliant with the relevant Child Safety Standards and regulations. This will be conducted by representatives from the Archdiocese Property Office, the Professional Standards Unit and Catholic Church Insurances in the coming weeks, now that some restrictions have been lifted on visiting.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We received the happy news this week that it is likely that we will be able to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people this year in a school setting. The Archbishop will delegate Parish Priests to confer the sacrament in schools. Although this will preclude the presence of families, we will try to make them ‘virtually’



All Saints and All Souls

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 for All Saints Day will be streamed from Stella Maris at 10.30am, the time of the scheduled Mass.

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

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

Monday is the Commemoration of All Souls, and Mass will be streamed from St Mary's Hampton at 7pm.

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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance (Confessions) will continue to be available at Stella Maris church Beaumaris on Saturday morning from 10-11am.



November

This week we begin the month of November, when Catholics traditionally remember those who have passed before us. During this month, I invite you to pray for those in your communities who have passed away during this year, and particularly in the past months during the restrictions.

One way of recalling our loved ones is to have a picture of them in a prominent place this month, perhaps with a candle, and to gather as a household to pray together briefly each day.

As Catholics, we have the custom of 'November Masses', offering Mass for those family and friends who have died and for all the faithful departed. It is a great act of charity to pray for the dead, and to recall those who have nobody to pray for them. The Mass is the greatest prayer that we have.

At the moment, we are unable to have November envelopes or a 'Book of the Dead' in our churches to write in. If you would like a Mass offered for deceased loved ones you can go to www.baysidecatholicmission.org and the tab 'Support Us', and indicate in the description section your November Mass intention.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
May perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION

INCORPORATING THE COMMUNITIES OF
STELLA MARIS BEAUMARIS, ST JOSEPH'S BLACK ROCK, ST JAMES CARDENVALE, ST JOAN OF ARC BRIGHTON, ST MARY'S HAMPTON, SACRED HEART SANDRINGHAM



It has been good to prepare for the opening of our churches this weekend; we are hopeful that the small limit of ten may be increased very soon.

We have begun to celebrate Baptisms in the past week, and a wedding this weekend. So some 'normality' is slowly returning to our ecclesial life.

This coming week our Mission Team will meet on Wednesday night and we begin our series of Talks on Thursday night with the Archbishop. Please come along to hear Archbishop Peter and an opportunity for questions and discussion.

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