



4th October 2020 - Year A 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALL HALLOWS' PARISH CHURCH

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Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday - 8.00am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday - 8.30am

Sunday - 10am

With the Children's Liturgy

Sunday - 6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday - 8.00am

Tues - Wed - 8.00am

Thurs - Fri - 8.00am

Lauds (morning prayer) is prayed 20 minutes before morning mass daily. All Welcome.

High Mass:

Saturday - Midday

Sunday - Midday

Reconciliation:

Sunday 11:10am - 12.10pm

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses:

In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

Exposition:

Every Wednesday after 8am Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

PLEASE TAKE HOME. DO NOT PLACE BACK ON THE PILE.

1. Some Good News

With the recent good news regarding the COVID situation, it is time for us to establish some kind of 'new normal'. As I have explained over this period, we have always tried to enable a certain regularity to our Sunday that ensured both the Worship of Almighty God and the safety of our families. I think we have an adequate system in place, although it is far from perfect. We are always looking for ways to return to normal, however as you know, much of this depends on government regulation. We hope that the spring will bring with it some further easing of restrictions. We pray that this may be so. A next step is to reintroduce the bulletin. I of course ask you to please take a copy and not return them to the pile.

2. All invited: Wednesday October 7 Family Rosary Pilgrimage

I would like to invite your parish to take part in the October Family Rosary Pilgrimage on Wednesday the 7th of October from 7:30 – 8:30 pm here in our parish church. Our first event back. Please come and pray the Rosary!

The event is open to all parishioners. It will also be live streamed by the Archdiocese of Sydney. This event is a follow-on from the consecration that the Australian Bishops made to Our Lady Help of Christians with a pilgrimage of her statue. It continues the promotion of the Rosary in the family setting in accordance with Archbishop Anthony's following statement:

"Would that every family... pray the rosary every day. The rosary is indeed the spiritual sword so needed in our time".

It provides the key spiritual element of 'Hope' in a period of history where this is much needed.

It allows for online participation by the housebound and those families who may be adverse to coming out for evening events

3. Masses

*At the moment, all Sunday Masses have a maximum of 100 people in the church. We hope that at some stage we may have to reintroduce the ticket system as our numbers increase. I know this is quite an inconvenience for many of you. However, it is a good problem to have. We will let you know should the need eventuate. Should numbers exceed 100 people present at Mass, we will be asking all men under sixty (60) years old to stand outside the church. **We will ensure that those men will receive communion.***

Thank you for maintaining distancing for Mass and communion. Family units of course may sit together. I thank all our younger families for sitting at the back of the church. This has allowed our older parishioners to sit on the flat part of the church.

4. Nursing Homes and Hospitals.

Visits to nursing homes have been cancelled.

At present we are unable to take communion to the sick in our nursing homes. The only exception is for emergencies. For all emergencies we understand that clergy are allowed to visit to bring Viaticum and the Last Rights in both hospitals and nursing homes.

No one will be abandoned in an emergency!

5. Masks

At present, masks are not mandated. As always, if wearing a mask gives you confidence or your other family members more confidence for you to attend the parish for Sunday mass, please wear a mask. Do not think twice about wearing a mask at mass. I know it can be a bit off putting when you first do so, but please do not worry about that. Both your safety and your peace of mind are far more important.

6. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession is available after Sunday Mass at 11.10am. We made a change so as to reduce numbers in the church. I think over the next few weeks we will be introducing more times for confession now that the worst news and situation has passed.

7. First Communion

First Communion is postponed until November. We are planning at the moment with our catechists and schools to hold First Communion during the last week of November. The challenge is to ensure that we have an online programme available for our families. Although the COVID situation is improving, in order to respect the wishes of certain families, we are at the moment creating an online version of our sacramental preparation program for First Communion. We should have all information available to you for the first week back at school. The online programme for November is not compulsory for any family. If there are families who wish to wait for next year, they are most welcome to do so.

8. Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is suspended. As you know, Confirmation was due to be held May 31 this year. Laws on public gatherings forbid more than one hundred (100) people at an indoor gathering. As the parish relies on the presence of a bishop to celebrate the sacrament, Confirmation has now definitely been cancelled. Other parishes who had their dates set for this period are having we are unable to say whether there will be any opportunity for Confirmation this year. It is our understanding at present that it will not be possible. Please understand we are very dependent on forces beyond our control.

9. Holy Fathers Appeal

The Holy Father's Appeal is on this weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes of Pope Francis and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, the refugee crisis and poverty, to name a few. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we ask you to give what you can. To give, please

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Gaetano Iacono, Elda Salvatico, Margherita Lasorsa, Giuseppe Corte, Grace D'urso, Gerald "Gerry" Micallef, Grace D'Urso, Maria Giovenale, Concetta 'Connie' Tortorella, Fred Arapa, Francesca Carla Viola, Janet Faye Sydney, Rita Fragassi, Luigi Balsamo, Luigina Michelin, Rosario Maiorana, Dick Ingemar Raste, Rita Buonavoglia, Giuseppina Intili, Bambina Chiofalo, Rosario Antonio Lo Giudice, Pasquale Furfaro, Antonio 'Tony' Mersnich, Maria Rossetto, James Anthony Kavanagh, Ninetta Ragusa, Angela Cesar, Carmela Biviano

