

## Weekend Mass times (Limit is 160) - No Booking name and number requested on arrival

Saturday 5.00pm vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm



## Weekday Mass times

Daily 9.10am

Saturday 9.00am (followed by the Rosary)

No Tuesday evening Mass at this stage

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## From Father Raning

The story is told of a woman who decided to take a break after a long afternoon in a big shopping mall. She sat down on a bench, opened her newspaper, and reached down to take a bite of the candy bar she had just purchased. A well-attired man was sitting next to her and, much to her chagrin he suddenly reached down, took a piece of the candy bar and popped it into his mouth!

The woman was a bit shocked, but she figured, "I'll ignore it." Then she took another piece of the candy, and he took another piece and popped it into his mouth. Then he beat her to the punch and took yet another piece of the candy bar. By this time she was incensed. She grabbed the remaining candy, threw it in a trash basket, and stormed off through the mall, muttering to herself, "That awful person. I should have slapped his face!"

Minutes later she spotted the man standing in front of a bakery with a donut in his hand. Later, she said, "I couldn't resist the temptation. I grabbed that awful man's wrist, took a big bite out of the donut, and walked away." Then she confessed, "When I got home, I put my things down, opened my purse, and there was my unwrapped candy bar!" All that time she had been eating his candy!

The constant willingness to pass judgment on others can bruise feelings, stifle relationships, and box people into stereotypes. Instead of being constantly judgmental, we should be constantly striving to bring out the best in one another.

The Lord is good and forgiving, slow to judgement and rich in compassion.

First reading: God's example tells us that we must have both justice and compassion.  
*What might I do today to be more just and compassionate toward others?*

Second reading: The Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we don't know how.  
*For what help with my prayer do I ask the Holy Spirit today?*

Gospel: Jesus tells us that God's presence (Kingdom) often starts out very small but can grow every large..  
*How has my awareness of God grown recently?*

## Parish Update and changes to restrictions

New restrictions are now in place and please note the following updated information.

- We are now able to have up to 160 people at each Mass. Bookings will no longer be taken
- When attending mass you will need to record your name and number as you enter
- Social distancing restrictions are in place and are to be respected
- Where there is a "do not sit here" sign, that applies to the entire pew
- Members of the same family and/or household are permitted to sit together

- Holy water is available in the foyer to take home, however is not yet available in the fonts
- The Sign of Peace should be omitted or given without any hand-to-hand contact
- Holy Communion can only be distributed and received on the hand (Ordinary Form of Latin Rite)
- When going to Communion please distance yourself from the person in front of you
- No singing at masses other than the livestream
- There is no procession of gifts or passing of collection plates

- Baptisms have recommenced and can only be booked from our website
- Please note updated times for Masses and Reconciliation at the top of this page

## Reconciliation

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

## Baptisms

First and Third Sunday of each month

All bookings are via our website



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## Holy Hour for Vocations

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

## Moments of Mercy

Do not fight against a temptation by yourself, but disclose it to the confessor at once, and then the temptation will lose all its force. During these ordeals do not lose your peace; live in My presence; ask My Mother and the Saints for help. (Diary 1560)

## Catholic Weekly

- Through the roof: Bendigo priest's ministry a smashing success
- Better men make better priests
- Miracles behind bars
- Couples celebrate 'I do'
- Movie review: The Outpost
- The book every church administrator needs to read

## Piety Store

Please contact the office. We are only too happy to help you with your needs.



## Church cleaning

Couples for Christ, Jhun Javier, Mark and Caroline Penafiel

Due to COVID all other ministries are suspended until further notice. Thank you for your continued commitment.

## Feast Days

### 20th St Apollinaris

*O suffering shepherd, severely persecuted for your work of evangelisation. You continued to work despite the ravenous tortures*

### 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi

*"For the word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the will. It enables man to know God and to love him".*

### 22nd St Mary Magdalene

*"The grief of this woman, whose life was changed by her personal encounter with Jesus, is the grief of us all, in our darkest moments"*

*Pope Frances on Mary Magdalene*

### 23rd St Bridget

*"I would like an abundance of peace. I would like full vessels of charity. I would like rich treasures of mercy. I would like cheerfulness to preside over all".*

### 24th St Charbel Makhoul

*"God knows our whole being. Those who ask for his grace with confidence will not be disappointed. Ask him to give you all you need.*

### 25th St James the Apostle

*"Love is acceptance. When you love someone... you take then into your heart, and this is surely why it hurts so much when we lose someone we love, because we lose a part of ourselves".*

### 26th Ss Joachim and Anne

*Let us praise Saints Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave him who was a blessing for all the nations.*

#### Saint Joachim

*Husband of St Anne, Father of the Virgin Mary and Grandfather of Our Lord*

#### Saint Anne

*Holy mother of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, and loving Grandmother of the Saviour*



The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year and a Holy Day of Obligation on the official Roman Catholic Church calendar. By tradition, the holy day is observed every August 15th. This year, the Feast of the Assumption occurs on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

According to Roman Catholic theology, Mary was "assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" several years after her son, Jesus, ascended into heaven. The importance of this event in Mary's life is only surpassed by her role in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, the miracle of the Assumption is called the Dormition and also celebrated on August 15. By either name, the day marks Mary's triumph over earthly existence as she is transported body and soul into heaven by her son, Jesus Christ.

### Important information about Mass on Saturday evening 15th August

If you are intending to attend the vigil Mass Saturday 15th August YOU MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE. We anticipate there will be a higher demand for this Mass and you will need to register by telephoning the parish office beforehand. Reservations for this Mass close off on 10th August. Please note you will still be required to record your name and phone number on entry to the Church. All other Masses that weekend do not require a booking. Due to COVID-19 all Sunday and Holy days obligations of Catholics to attend Mass are dispensed.

**Due to COVID do not put this bulletin back in the holder. This bulletin must be taken home with you. Thank you**

## Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, John Cassar, Richard Cassin, Ron Cini, Christine Coorey, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Fevoura Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Selene Daroy, Frederick de Silva, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Reuben Ferrero, Josephine & Chafic Filfil, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Josephine Mamari, James Matos, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Lesleu Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Emely Reyes, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford & Patrick Wheeler.

**Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen**

## Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Brian Baker, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**