



# THE SACRED HEART OF CROYDON

22 March 2020

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
9.00am - 3.30 pm. Closed on Wednesdays.

### Parish Priest

Fr. Len Size

### Assistant Priest

Fr. Melvin Llabanes

### Parish Secretary

Mrs. Lynn Kuczera

### Sacred Heart Primary School

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### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism will be celebrated by  
appointment following a Baptism  
Preparation Program.

### Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with at least  
6 months notice.

### Sacred Heart Retreat Centre

For Bookings  
Contact Robby on 0422 189 329

### St. Vincent de Paul

If assistance is required, contact  
St. Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330  
(Free Call)

### Care Group

Maree Minogue: 0402 310 617

### Young at Heart Club

Lorna Nardella 9723 2198

### Seniors Group

Wilma De Jong 0488 776 294

### Catholic Women's League

Maxine Grbac 0449 131 973

### Choir

Faye Hewitt 9723 6089

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**Weekend Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm,  
Neocatechumenal Mass 7.30pm, Sunday 8.15am and 10.15am  
**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday to Saturday: 9.30 am (Note: on 2nd Thursday  
monthly Seniors Mass is at 10:30am, this Mass replaces the 9.30 am Mass)  
**Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:** Friday after 9.30 am Mass and  
Saturday 5.30 pm until 6.00 pm

### WEEKLY CALENDAR 2020

#### Monday 23 March

Lent

#### Tuesday 24 March

Lent

4.15 - 5.15 pm Sacramental Programme

#### Wednesday 25 March

The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD

#### Thursday 26 March

Lent

#### Friday 27 March

Lent

#### Saturday 28 March

Lent

#### Sunday 29 March

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

12.00 Baptisms

#### Special Collection

Project Compassion

#### Next week's Readings:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



## THE CELEBRATION OF MASSES

The Masses that have been suspended at this time are the  
regular, timetable Masses. This includes weekday and  
Sunday Masses.

**NOTE:** The Sunday Obligation of the Faithful will not apply  
during this time of suspension.

If a parishioner is in need of anointing and/or reconciliation  
please contact the parish office.

### Please pray for:

We pray for all who are sick, especially **Lucy Horgan, Beryl Clark, Sr. Gabriel, Sr. Carla.**

We pray for those parishioners that are unable to be among us this weekend, for those who have died recently, **especially Fr. Peter Robinson** (a private funeral for Fr. Peter's family will be on 23/3/2020, a public Memorial Mass and celebration will be held at a later stage after the COVID-19 crisis has passed), and for whose anniversary occurs at this time.

### Baptisms

We welcome, **Henry, Charlotte, Ethan** and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. May God's grace and blessings that you receive on your Baptism, guide you throughout your life.

### **What should I do if I can't go to Mass?**

we encourage you to participate in other ways -

- such as spending time in personal and family prayer.
- reflecting on and praying with the Scriptures (particularly the [Mass readings](#))
- making a Stations of the Cross
- praying the Rosary
- making an Act of Spiritual Communion

### **How can I participate in Mass online?**

Despite our current limitations, we can still participate in the celebration of Mass online thanks to modern technology.

Many dioceses around the world provide online streaming of Masses, including our own Archdiocese of Melbourne. Below are some links to online Masses. We also encourage you to think about how you might help those homebound and less tech-savvy to be able to access Mass online during this time.

1. **St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne** Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne is available daily. The 1pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available, with the 11am Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand. <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
2. **Pope Francis' daily Mass** Pope Francis' daily Masses

are now available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. They are expected to continue to be available throughout the upcoming weeks. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>

3. **Mass for You at Home** This program has been allowing the faithful – particularly those with mobility problems – to participate in Mass from their homes for many years. Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. It is also the fourth-longest running television show in Australia. <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html>
5. or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>
6. **Bishop Robert Barron** Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire – Bishop Robert Barron has been using new media to evangelise for over a decade. On his website or YouTube channel, viewers can find daily Mass alongside hours of intelligent and thought-provoking content on topics relevant to the faith. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcMjLgeWNwqL2LBGS-iPb1A> or <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

### **Palm Cross making**

If anyone would like to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday, please pick up a bag of palm leaves from the parish office (Thursday or Friday next week) to take home to make the crosses and then return them to the parish office.



A big thank you to all of the Parish Community, the Tongan Choir and the CWL for helping us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 15 March  
Marg and John Warner

YOUNG AT HEART  
Ferry Trip - Docklands to Williamstown  
Date: Tuesday 24th March 2020  
**Has been cancelled.**  
**Sorry for any inconvenience**

### **PRAYER OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH, CROYDON**

Sacred Heart of Jesus be with us and send us wisdom through the Holy Spirit to guide our decisions and actions, so that we may do our part in the building of the Kingdom of God. May we reflect to all the loving care of God our Father. May we grow in the likeness of you the Son who came to serve and give your life for all. May Mary, our Mother, and our special Patrons,

### **VISION STATEMENT :**

"Sacred Heart Parish is a joyful Catholic community in which, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the love of Christ is offered through worship, sacraments, education, pastoral and charitable outreach and the lived witness of Gospel values in order

Privacy in 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

**The Sacred Heart Parish of Croydon, along with the ARCHDIOCESE of Melbourne, is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children**

## Holy Week and Easter

At this point in time, our Holy Week and Easter liturgies are suspended in their regular form. This will be a particular time of distress for many as we come to terms with a different way to celebrate and commemorate under the current circumstances.



### Thanksgiving

The running costs of the parish, repayments of loans, administration expenses and maintenance of priests are still ongoing.

If you would like to continue with your offering, please follow any of the methods below:

1. Direct Debit—if you can provide the office with your bank details we can process an ongoing deduction.
2. Credit card payment—please provide credit card details to the office.
3. Bank Account Transfer—please use the following parish account details to transfer funds  
SACRED HEART PARISH CHURCH ACCOUNT  
BSB 083 347  
A/C no 46436 3811  
Reference your name
4. Thanksgiving envelopes submit to the parish office (during office hours).

Your cooperation is most appreciated at this difficult time.

### *Reconciliation*

*Thursday*

*26th March*

*7.30p.m.*

Has been suspended



### *Stations of the Cross*

Each Friday at 7.30 pm

Has been suspended.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

## Fourth Sunday of Lent 22nd March 2020

 **Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA



Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She

developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world. **Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



*Divine Office VolIII*

*EJ Dwyer*

*Sydney 1974*

*A reading from the book of St Theophilus of Antioch addressed to Autolytus*

*The Vision of God*

If you say, 'Show me your God', I reply, 'Show me the man that you are and I will show you my God.' You must show me that the eyes of your soul can see and that the ears of your heart can hear. Those who see with bodily eyes contemplate the affairs of life on earth and distinguish things that differ, such as light from darkness, white from black, ugly from beautiful, the excessive from the defective, what is well-proportioned and shapely from what is irregular and distorted. So too, the human ear distinguished sounds that are shrill or deep or sweet. In the same way the ears of the heart and the eyes of the soul are capable of perceiving God. For God is seen by those who are capable of seeing him, once they have the eyes of the soul opened. All men have eyes, but some have eyes which are hooded by cataracts and do not see the light of the sun. But the light of the sun does not fail to shine just because the blind do not see; the blind must blame themselves and their eyes. So you also have cataracts over the eyes of your soul because of your sins and wicked deeds.

Just as a man must keep a mirror polished, so he must keep his soul pure. When there is rust on a mirror, a man's face cannot be seen in it; so also when there is sin in a man, such a man cannot see God.

But if you will you can be cured. Deliver yourself to the physician, and he will cure the eyes of your soul and heart. Who is the physician? He is God, who heals and gives life through the Word and wisdom. God made everything through his Word and wisdom, for by his Word the heavens were made firm and by his Spirit all their power. His wisdom is most powerful: God by wisdom founded the earth; he prepared the heavens by intelligence; by knowledge the abysses were broken up and the clouds poured forth dew.

If you know these things, and live in purity, holiness, and righteousness, you can see God. But before all, faith and the fear of God must take the lead in your heart; then you will understand these things. When you put off what is mortal and put on imperishability, then you will rightly see God. For God raises up your flesh immortal with your soul; after becoming immortal you will then see the Immortal, if you believe in him now.

*Precious Jesus*

although I greatly desire it,  
at this moment I am unable  
to receive You in the  
Most Holy Eucharist.  
Therefore, I beseech thee, O Lord,  
to bestow upon me mystically all those graces I would  
otherwise receive.  
Fill me up until I am overflowing  
so that I may, in turn,  
share those graces  
with the rest of the world.

*Amen*

