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PARISH UPDATE 80

*"The current COVID lockdown means that **our churches will remain closed** for the duration of the lockdown – date and details are not clear at the stage. The exception is for funerals, with ten 'mourners' permitted. There will be no other activity in our churches over that time. See attachment for information for accessing Mass on TV and online."*

Greetings, everyone!

A few more smiles around this week, did you notice? Even though they were modest easings of restrictions, there were so many small-group picnics through Brimbank Park as I took long walks on those beautiful days of Sunday and Monday – taking the fords in two places such was the low flow of the river. And smiles showing on the evening News as some too to golf, fishing, tennis, lawn bowls.

Not so much to smile about for Doggies supporters last weekend, though: disappointing, eh?

Just *seeing* people's smiles. We've adapted very well to the wearing of masks where we should. There is a pile of them in my car, on the door handle at the back door, and on the front door. One of the attachments with this Letter reflects that 'The common social smile has become one of the casualties in our determination to halt the transmission of the virus. It has become collateral damage as mask-wearing has become a compulsory part of our lives.' And further, 'In the meantime may we do all we can to make up for the absence of visible smiles by the way we engage and care for and relate to one another in every other way.'

It is the 'International Day of Older Persons' on Friday (1st October each year). Our deep concern about the impact of COVID in Aged Care facilities, and in general, shows how we hold our older people in great regard. One of the stresses of the lockdowns is the loss of opportunities for grandparents and grandchildren to connect directly.

And gone, too, is the opportunity to spend time with longstanding friends, relationships that have grown over many years.

Our Parish Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Housebound - one aspect of which is the friendship that brings – is one part of Parish life that has been severely curtailed by lockdowns.

Recently a person who retired recently told me that she's still urgently looking for the freedom to do so many things – "that's what retirement is for!" she called out.

One side effect has been how some have learnt how easy it is to get on to Zoom and the like!

Another attachment with this letter reflects on the significance of older people in our lives. Its setting is All Saints Day coming at the beginning of November. However it urges us to appreciate and cherish those who are part of our lives *now*, and not only when they have passed from amongst us into the new Life of Resurrection. It opens with the words *What matters is what you do in this world*, and prays in thanks for those who have given so much to shape our lives and who continue to do so. Such deep expressions of thanks are spoken at funerals: let's make sure they hear that from us while they are here!

Included again as another attachment is that information about rebuilding our Ministry teams, including the requirements of the Child Safeguarding context we are in. I hope that everyone

involved in Ministry before these COVID lockdowns will consider re-emerging through this process, indicating that you will continue in Ministry when that is allowed. I hope that others will take this opportunity to join Ministry, too. Details for indicating your interest and for acquiring the required Working With Children Check are included in the attachment.

Daylight Saving will commence on this Sunday morning 3rd October when clocks will go forward one hour at 2.00am. Perhaps set your clock one hour forward before you go to bed on Saturday night.

October!! With the footy behind us, the next big sporting event is the Melbourne Cup, and then it's headlong to Christmas. Oh, don't we want to know what that will look like this year!!

Stay hopeful, and careful, and caring for one another:



The prayer of St. Francis before this crucifix:

*All-highest, Glorious God,
cast your light into the darkness of my heart.
Give me right faith,
firm hope,
perfect charity,
and profound humility,
with wisdom and perception,
O Lord,
so that I may do
what is truly your holy will.*

Amen

Maurie Cooney
(Parish Priest)

With this letter come attachments –

Can you see me smile?

What matters is what you do in this world

Ministry recruitment process

Accessing Mass on TV and online

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MASS is available through STREAMING and TV

Other Options/Alternatives to view Mass

Mass for You at Home, (MFYAH), is celebrated in St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Wollongong. It shows at 6.00am Sundays on Channel Ten and is repeated multiple times a day on Foxtel's Aurora channel.

This Sunday Mass is also available on demand on Channel Ten's platform www.tenplay.com.au/mfyah.

This Mass is also available on Wollongong's YouTube channel which can be accessed on www.massforyou.com.au as well as the Diocesan website, www.dow.org.au. There are also links to it on their Diocesan Facebook page and the MFYA Facebook page.

Channel 31 (usually found at '44' on digital TV's):

Mass at 11.00am Sundays from St Patrick's Cathedral or **online at:**

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> at 11.00am on Sundays and at 1.00pm on weekdays

Mass continuous daily from Lavender Bay Parish, Sydney, **online at:**

<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

Parish of
Sacred Heart/Emmaus

St Albans & Sydenham



Pray—Work—Share
Together

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH

“I would like to participate in the Ministry of our Parish”

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CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. The Parish takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and upholds that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

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Safeguarding Sunday –September 12, 2021

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Safeguarding and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

A significant impact of COVID lockdowns for the Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish has been that we have had to limit severely all our Ministry activity.

When restrictions begin to ease we will be in a position to reassemble our various ministry groups. That will be the opportunity to re-engage with our community in those well-established 'tried and true' ways, to re-form our groups and invite new participation, and to offer 'formation for ministry' as a refresher or an introduction.

To get ready for that, there are some administrative details that we can prepare. It is the policy of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne that *everyone* in *every* Ministry within each Parish must hold a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC).

I invite all who have previously been involved in Ministry and also those who wish to participate for the first time to build up this aspect of our Parish's life again! There is a list of our Ministry areas on the next page.

To ensure that all involved in Ministries have complied with the requirement for holding a Working With Children Card, please complete the information on the attached form and send it to the Parish Office: this will indicate your choice for participation in Ministry.

If you have a WWCC already, include a copy of that.

If you do not have a WWCC, the procedures for acquiring one are on a following page.

When a Card is sent to you, forward a copy to the Parish Office.

Maurie Cooney
(Parish Priest)

September 2021

PARISH MINISTRY GROUPS - SACRED HEART/EMMAUS
recommencing post-COVID 2021/2

SACRED HEART AND EMMAUS AND CANA

BAPTISM PREPARATION

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

COMMUNION TO AGED CARE/NURSING HOMES

COMMUNION TO PRIVATE HOMES

FAIR COMMITTEE

PARISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PARISH SCHOOLS ADVISORY COUNCILS

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS - Public Schools

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (participating in the Keilor Downs Conference)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP (St Albans)

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CHURCH CLEANING

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

COLLECTORS AT MASS

DIGITAL PROJECTOR Operator

MUSIC AND SINGING in LITURGY

PRAYER GROUPS

READER OF THE WORD OF GOD at

Masses

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

at Mass

EMMAUS

ALTAR SERVER GOWN Washing

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