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Government and the Archdiocese asks ALL parishioners to WEAR A MASK IN CHURCH.



24 / 25 October 2020

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

	Sat 5 pm Vigil	Sunday 7:30 am	Sunday 9:30 am
Acolyte	Jim Gothard	Sam Keir	Graham Ward
Minister	Margaret Reid	Gary Reneker	Paul Marsden
Minister	David Gormley	Amelia Paras	Carole Venier
1st Reading	Emma Honey	Doreen Vernon	Michele Anthony
Psalm	Maureen Pocock		Jed Loader
2nd Reading	Bernie Pocock	Jeff Greenaway	Moira Loader

May God and our Lady of Lourdes care for and protect all of us.

God bless each one of you.

Mons



Effective 1 June 2020, we have cancelled the Office facsimile. Please use email (office@stcaths.org.au) or phone the Office (9525.1138) instead...

Lord, Grant Eternal Peace to:

Recently Deceased;

Dorothy "Dee" Longmuir, Joan Rose (the lady who made the Rosary Beads), Pat Allibon, Carmen Nichols, Peter Mooney, Gladys Anthoney, Dorothy Hughes, Kenneth McCroarey, Stephen Dries.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Bruce Patton, Bill Withers (1st Anniversary)

Also;

Roy & Mary Esplin, Lean Family, John Vincent Sidgreaves, The Holy Souls, Deceased and Members of the Friendship Club.

NEW B-POINT TAP AND PAY SYSTEM

You will notice the new tap and pay DONATION machine at the entrance to the Church which was installed last Friday.

It accepts your Mastercard and Visacard (including Visa debit cards) The DONATION is set at \$5 per Tap. If you wish to donate more, you simply wait until the machine is ready and you can tap again. You can tap as many times as you would like – each tap is a \$5 donation to the Parish.

PLEASE NOTE: That there are NO receipts (as they appear on your card's bank statement), NO refunds or tax deductibility.

Dear Parishioners,

Following 10 days in hospital recently, I am resolved to continue working as your parish Priest in the immediate future, trying to provide Pastoral care with Masses and in caring for the sick, especially the house-bound. It is my intention also to work harder to ensure St Catherine's Parish is financially sound for the future—recent granting of the DA for the development of the 2 houses which have been purchased over the past few years for parish financial security; I really pray will be supported by the Archbishop in the building of 8 x 3 bedroom Townhouses with expected rental of \$800 per week, very comfortably paying off the \$3.2m/\$3.5 m loan in a few short years.

I would hope our Finance Committee will see the huge benefits of weekly rent of \$6,400 minimum—that is \$332,800 per annum, and even with outgoings, in a few short years will enable us to engage Catholic Pastoral Ministers into the new era ahead of us.

Whilst our weekly collections due to COVID are down a few thousand dollars a week, we are still viable and this will improve post COVID.

I really appreciate the wonderful support you give to me personally and the financial and prayerful support you give our parish.

You are a wonderful gathering of God's Faithful people and continue to grow in love of God and your neighbour.

Please pray to Our Lady of Lourdes that she protects you, your family and friends and fellow parishioners in this concerning time of pandemic.

With pastoral love and affection.

Mons

Congratulations to the children who will be receiving the *Sacrament of Confirmation* this week-end at an 11:30 am Mass and also **NEXT Sunday, 25 October at 11:30 am & also 2:30 pm Masses.**

May they be faithful followers of Our Lord inspired by the Holy Spirit and full of grace to continue to live the faith well.



Dear Parishioners:

PLEASE BE AWARE OF A SCAM BEING USED WITH 'FATHER RAYNER' AS THE PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE GIFT/MUSIC CARDS.....MONSIGNOR IS NOT BEHIND THIS—IT IS A SCAM—SO DO NOT ACT ON IT. THE EMAIL ACCOUNTS ARE NOT COMING FROM THE PARISH'S AUTHORISED EMAIL WHICH IS: office@stcaths.org.au

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS where we place the names of our deceased loved ones in the Frames that sit in front of the Altar. During this time of COVID, I invite you to start making arrangements now to submit the names BEFORE the end of October to ensure that they are recorded. Envelopes for this Intention are in your boxes, however, a plain envelope so marked NOVEMBER is acceptable.

PRINT the name on an envelope (or piece of paper and put inside the envelope) and place it in the BOX or you may drop it off in the Presbytery letter box.

*Please limit the number of names and **PRINT CLEARLY**—we receive too many that are not legible and cannot be recorded for this reason.*

MONS' PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY This week-end marks the 47th Anniversary of Monsignor Rayner's Ordination at St Mary's Cathedral on 20 October 1973. Please also pray for fellow classmates: Bishop Robert McGuckin of Toowoomba, Father Phil Zadro (Haberfield) and Father John Milleken (Annandale) who are still active in ministry. Each endeavours to follow the Pope's belief that a Priest's place is with his flock.

FUNERALS:

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST.....

I am seeking your thoughts on how we may assist families, especially families with young children where a sudden death occurs within the family due to an accident or sudden illness.

This often leads to families struggling financially which doesn't help the grieving recovery, loss of work and income can follow.

Maybe we can consider, instead of flowers, etc. to a making a financial contribution to the family personally or via a collection box at the funeral for this purpose. Please, just drop me a line or email with any thoughts you may have on this, as a loss of a spouse or child is really sad enough.

Mons