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St DOMINIC'S PARISH CHURCH – Mass Times

Sadly, the introduction of Stage 4 Restrictions in response to the public health crisis means that the church is still closed for all public liturgies till further notice.

There will be a streamed Mass from the church at **11am Sunday, and at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** until the restrictions are eased. Be sure that we are still praying, and praying for you.

Live-Streamed Sunday Mass

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or go to "[Liturgies and Homilies](#)" on our website.

The Parish office will be closed till further notice. You can continue to contact the Parish staff and priests at the phone number 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au.

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PARISH CALENDAR: 23rd – 30th August 2020

Sun 23rd **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mon 24th **St Bartholomew**

Tue 25th **9:45am Exercise classes—online**

Thu 27th **St Monica**

9:30am Exercise classes—online

Fri 28th **St Augustine**

Sat 29th **The Passion of St John the Baptist**

Sun 30th **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deadline for Bulletin: **10.00am Thursday**

“ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.”



Simon is the focus in today's reading. Jesus gives him his new name: he is Peter -Rock. Peter is given the key of authority and stewardship. Peter's confession comes at the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples. In Peter, Jesus looks for what he needs in his disciples: a person committed to him by faith, ready to live out what Jesus has been teaching. Jesus has given Peter authority, which is a power to serve and not dominate. He will remind Peter of that calling when he chooses to wash his disciples' feet and begins with Peter. It is only after Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection - which at first Peter rejects that Peter finally comes to understand his proper role.

Jesus gives Peter "the keys of the kingdom of heaven." God looks for responsible and faithful servants for the role of leadership over God's people. Like Peter and the first disciples, the institutional church has had great accomplishments and also made major mistakes in its history. Just as Peter's faith collapsed under the tests of Jesus' suffering and death, so too human weakness has been present in the institutional church. Our church will continue to manifest its human weaknesses, but in its holy members it will also be a sacramental sign of Christ's presence in our midst. In Christ, God has chosen to work with us and through us, despite our failings – which unfortunately show themselves at all levels of our church.

Like Peter we are followers of Jesus. Like him, we sometimes have deep insight and, at other times, a lack of faith. What Jesus saw in Peter he sees in us. Jesus did not find such faith in the Pharisees and so he looked to Peter and his band of followers. They and we are the ones called to take the gospel into the world.

Our faith enables us to say "no" to other allures and powers because Jesus has given his life to us his community. We are those who have accepted him as "the Christ, the Son of the Living God." We place our hope on his promise: the world that rejects him and propagates evil will not triumph. His goodness will prevail.

When Peter was tested, he faulted. That should give us encouragement because, just as Jesus did not give up on him, he will not give up on us when we falter. God's grace can help us overcome the obstacles to discipleship we face daily. Our God works in inscrutable ways; God uses the weak to accomplish God's plans for humanity. In doing that we know God must be the source of any success we have in helping further the reign of God.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

PASTORAL SERVICES

PRAYERS WRITERS: 30 August Denis Fitzgerald

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
July	\$3,854.75	\$167.00	\$ 143.38

DOMINICARE In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community it is timely to draw your attention to a phone number that appears each week on the front of the Dominican, namely that of Dominiccare. Dominiccare has been part of the parish for decades and is simply a chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3.

PARISH AND PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to contribute to the Parish may do so by either bank transfer (EFT) or by setting up a credit card direct debit. If you wish to use EFT please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and you will be sent the Parish's bank details. If you wish to set up a credit card direct debit, you should contact the Parish Office and you will be sent a form to be completed. Any questions please ring 9912 6870 or email secretary@stdominics.org.au

If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or sending an email to bursar@op.org.au.

NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to complete the Membership Form available on our website <http://www.stdominics.org.au/> Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office by email at secretary@stdominics.org.au or dropped into the Parish letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Valentino Frisina, Mary Sexton, George Georgiou
For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Rose Caine, Robert Martin

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Joy Patrick, Annette Fleming, Arden Nelson **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	23 rd Aug	9:45am 11:00am	<i>For the People of the Parish Robert Martin</i>
Mon	24 th Aug	7:00am 12:00pm	<i>Dominican Vocations Friends of suffering souls</i>
Wed	26 th Aug	12:00pm	<i>Marjorie June Whelan</i>
Fri	28 th Aug	7:00am 12:00pm	<i>Deceased Dominicans Rose Caine</i>

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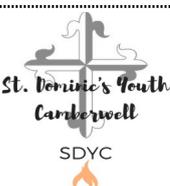
Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of August is available on our website
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to pray for those mentioned



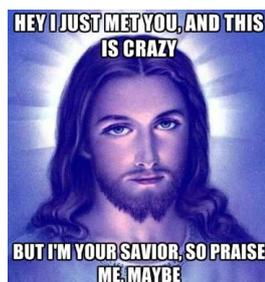
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"Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times."
St. Augustine of Hippo

Remember everyone this Coronavirus will pass. Keep in mind this message from the Psalms:
"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." -
Psalm 43:5. --- Br Oliver

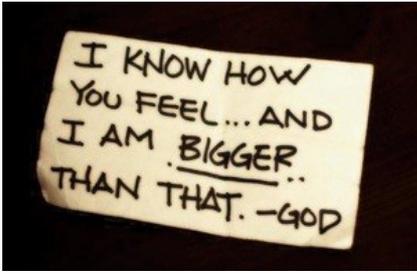


Hymn: How lovely is your Dwelling Place - Randall DeBruyn
Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC
Instagram: [sdyc_](https://www.instagram.com/sdyc_)

DEVOTIONAL SITES AND APPS

- Bread 4 Today:** <https://www.cssr.org.au/bread4today>
This daily reflection app is produced by the Redemptorists, Australia, New Zealand and Samoa
- Three-Minute Retreat:** <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/about-3minute-retreats>
These brief but thoughtful virtual 'retreats' are based on the lectionary and are produced by Loyola Press, a ministry of the Jesuits in the United States. They are available online or as an app on your phone.
- Sacred Space:** <https://www.sacredspace.ie/>
The Irish Jesuits have been producing the popular Sacred Space daily prayers and reflections for more than twenty years, and they are now available as a convenient phone app
- Pray as You Go:** <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
Based on Ignatian spirituality, and incorporating music, Scripture from the Lectionary and prayer prompts, this audio app is designed to provide 'a framework for your own prayer'.

21st SUNDAY YEAR A—REFLECTION



Today's second reading is Paul's hymn of praise that witnesses to God's unfathomable riches, wisdom and counsel, revealed in his sending his Son and the Holy Spirit to redeem and renew his wayward creation which has

comprised the subject matter of the first eleven chapters of Paul's Letter to the Romans, now brought to a conclusion with this prayer. Over the following three Sundays we will continue with readings from the final chapters of Paul's letter that deal with some ethical matters that Paul wanted to raise with the Christian community in Rome.

The hymn's last line, "From him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen." might sound familiar as it has shaped the doxology or hymn of praise of the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever. Amen." Thus, in a way Paul's prayer has become with each celebration of the Eucharist our prayer.

We meditate on Paul's prayer in a time of pandemic. In last Saturday's Herald Sun I read the account of Tina Dinh's experience of falling ill with Covid 19: "I just remember lying there being scared, really scared. I was completely alone and I didn't understand what was happening to me. ... I could not breathe. The only thing I looked forward to every day ... they would ... hold my hand. That was the only contact ... and the only reminder that you are still here."

The young Vietnamese woman's experience reminded me of an incident in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus and his disciples were on the Sea of Galilee. A mighty storm sprang up and even a seasoned fisherman such as Peter became fearful and approached Jesus who was asleep in the boat. "Lord save us we are perishing." But Jesus questioned Peter and the others, almost certainly taking Peter by surprise, "Why are you afraid?" It seems Jesus was inviting them to trust him in the midst of the storm. It was one thing to trust him to still the storm. It was another to trust him in the storm. And that explains Jesus' response to Peter's plea.

It is in the storms that threaten to overwhelm our lives that Jesus invites us to trust in him and so be able to pray with Paul, "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord?'"

Fr David Willis OP

ECUMENICAL JOURNEY AT ST DOMINIC'S

We pray for our fellow Christians



Christ prayed in his farewell discourse that 'all may be one' (John 17:21). As part of our commitment to ecumenism at St Dominic's, we are a member of the Canterbury Council of Churches. We pray in particular this month for the community at St Paul's

Anglican Church in Highfield Road and their Vicar the Revd Rachel McDougall.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

**Social Justice Statement on Mental Health:
Social Justice Sunday is 30 August 2020**

The Bishops invite us all: "to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community."

They ask us to reflect: "on the experience of First Nations people and communities, asylum seekers and refugees, people who are homeless and those who are in prison."

Take up their invitation, especially at this critical time for everyone.

Australian Bishops www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

EXERCISE CLASSES have resumed but in a different way. As the Parish centre is closed Amanda is conducting her classes online through Zoom. You are more than welcome to join the chair-based classes on Tuesdays at 9.45am or the active adults classes on Thursdays at 9.30am If you wish to join one of these classes or both of them please call **Amanda at 0410 685 224 or acubit@bigpond.net.au** and she will send you the invitation. What you need is a computer/tablet, a towel, drink bottle, a chair preferably without arm rests, a cushion a couple of weights (two cans of soup or equivalent or milk cartons filled with liquid or half full depending on your strength). All are welcome.



CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY APPEAL Thank you from CatholicCare. We are deeply grateful for your support during last week's CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of your parish community, CatholicCare can continue to ensure that vulnerable families and communities have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for making a difference. You can still donate online at www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal or call 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

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PARISH RESOURCES Parishioners who don't have internet access and prefer to stay at home can receive the Dominican or other parish resources by contacting the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au and someone will drop them in your mailbox.

PROPER OF THE MASS: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Today's Readings

(21st Ord, Year A) Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Next Week's Readings

(22nd Ord, Year A) Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 162; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

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