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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
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Be sure that we are still praying, and praying for you.

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*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: 6th—13th Sept 2020

Sun 6th **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Tue 8th **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:45am Exercise classes—online

Thu 10th 9:30am Exercise classes—online

Sun 13th **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

RESOLVING CONFLICT

Jesus bases his approach on love for the delinquent. Instead of pointing out to others a person's sin and starting a chain of gossip, the individual observer is to go to the offender and talk to them privately encouraging them to change. If they do so, the breach is healed and there is the possibility of a deepening relationship with the former offender.

**FOR WHERE
TWO OR THREE
GATHER
IN MY NAME
THERE AM I
WITH THEM**
MATTHEW 18:20

Jesus is a realist and knows that things don't always go that smoothly. It may be necessary to try another process that involves more and then, still more members of the community. If the person still refuses to change, they are to be treated as a Gentile or tax collector - two groups of people who were shunned by their Jewish brothers and sisters.

We often quote, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, then I am in the midst of them." We Christians apply this saying to any gathering of prayer or sharing, no matter how small the group. Rightly so. But the context for this quote puts a unique meaning to it. When two or three, out of love, go to a wandering sister or brother to convince them to change and return to the life of the community, then Christ assures us we are not on our own, that he has joined us as we go to the highways and byways to invite the alienated in.

The teaching about correcting wandering and offending members in order to bring about reconciliation applies not just to those in official leadership. Two weeks ago we heard Christ give Peter the power to bind and loose. If we had stopped reading Matthew at that point we would just let those in charge act to correct and admonish. But we read today that the authority to bind is also given to the whole community. The community has been given great authority by Jesus. In our church we have had tension about how those who have authority exercise it over the faithful. But the members also have their authority which is an essential sign of the Spirit's presence in the baptized.

We long for a resolution of conflicts through open dialogue and gestures of reconciliation among the disparate voices of individuals and groups, ordained and lay. If we try to be less confrontational and more guided by love, Jesus promises to be with us to guide and heal. No one says reconciliation is easy, especially when groups and individuals in the community have been at loggerheads for a long time. Still, Jesus promises that when the community agrees and comes together to pray for guidance, he will be there to assist us.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

Deadline for Bulletin: **10.00am Thursday**

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: 13 September Hanrahan Family

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
July	\$2,156.00	\$81.60	\$ 0.00

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:

Adrian Langtry, Francisco Villalte

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Bryan Hickey

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, Fr John Langtry **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	6 th Sept	9:45am 11:00am	<i>For the People of the Parish Francisco Villalte</i>
Mon	7 th Sept	7:00am 12:00pm	<i>Dominican Vocations Friends of Suffering Souls</i>
Wed	9 th Sept	12:00pm	<i>Marjorie June Whelan</i>
Thu	10 th Sept	7:00am	<i>Bryan Hickey</i>
Fri	11 th Sept	7:00am	<i>Deceased Dominicans</i>

If you want to have a Mass offered,
please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.



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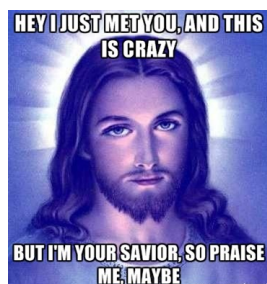
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"Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times." - St Augustine.

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: Love Never Fails - David Haas

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Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
you govern and protect your people
and shepherd them with a father's love.
You place a father in a family
as a sign of your love, care,
and constant protection.

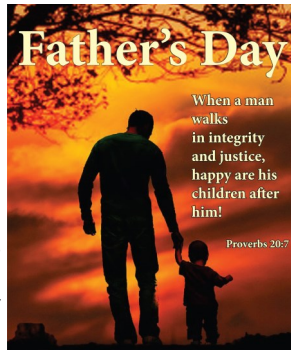
May fathers everywhere be faithful
to the example shown in the Scriptures:
steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions,
sustaining the family,
caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers
that they may encourage and
guide their children.
keep them healthy
so they may support a family.

Guide every father
with the Spirit of your love
that they may grow in holiness
and draw their family ever close to you.
Amen.

23rd SUNDAY YEAR A—REFLECTION

Being Father's Day this Sunday I revisited the document of Pope Francis on the family entitled *Amoris Laetitia* [The Joy of love], released in April 2016 following on the 2015 Synod on the Family. What does *Amoris Laetitia* say about 'fathers'? Perhaps the basic point Pope Francis makes is simply "[that] every child has a right to receive love from a mother and a father". He comments that "both are necessary for a child's development."



The Holy Father briefly addressed the issue of fathers in contemporary society observing that "in our day, the problem no longer seems to be the overbearing presence of the father so much as his absence." Our Pontiff contrasts this situation with what is meant to be – the closeness of fathers to their wives and children. "God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be "close to his wife and share everything ... And be close to his children as they grow." He goes on to say: "Some fathers feel they are useless ... but the fact is that children need to find a father waiting for them when they return home with their problems."

Pope Francis' remarks are in continuity with those of St John Paul II following the 1980 Synod on the family: "Where social and cultural conditions so easily encourage a father to be less concerned with his family efforts must be made to restore socially the conviction that the place and task of the father in and for the family is of unique and irreplaceable importance." What lies behind the statements of both popes is the vision of men and women being equal in dignity while possessing different gifts which enable them to complement each other in carrying out their roles in the family and in society.

We are all aware of the reforms of both the roles of spouses in the family and men and women in society that have taken place over the last 50 years. At their best, these reforms have overcome the often excessive differentiation or demarcation of roles of the sexes.

On the other hand we find in the writings of John Paul II and Francis the re-affirmation of the wisdom of the Christian tradition, grounded in the Book of Genesis, "male and female he created them". Fathers have a unique role to play in the family. Biological fatherhood is to be completed by social fatherhood. This weekend we remember our fathers, both living and dead, with gratitude, and pray for them.

Fr David Willis OP



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.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration of prayer and action by Christian churches and ecclesial communities worldwide to protect God's creation, our common home. Starting on September 1, with the World Day of Prayer for Creation, it continues until October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology, who is greatly revered by many Christians across denominations.

We are invited to take part in the month-long Season of Creation. At this time, prayer, reflection with some "close-to-home" tasks may be appropriate?

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 6-12 September 2020

St Dominic's is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Child Protection Week (6-12 September). The theme for 2020, 'Putting Children First', was chosen by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) and underscores the need to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children in all aspects of our community and family life. The occasion is of great significance for the Catholic Church in Australia as it emphasises the need for a continuous commitment to effectively safeguard children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Partnered with the commitment to safeguard those most at risk, the Church also acknowledges the devastating harm caused by the sexual abuse of children by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic settings. To grow up well, children need to feel safe and loved, have a chance to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and access to essential things like food, shelter and healthcare. For children to thrive we need to come together as a community and put children's needs first during National Child Protection Week and every week.

SECOND HAND IPHONE TO BUY A Parish family is looking for a second hand iPhone to buy for their 15 years old daughter. If you have one and are happy to help please contact Brigitte on her email address bri_53@hotmail.com. Thanks.

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.

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 of September for the community at St Dunstan's Anglican Church in Wattle Valley Road and their Vicar the Revd Roberta Hamilton.

PROPER OF THE MASS: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Today's Readings

(23rd Ord, Year A) Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Next Week's Readings

(24th Ord, Year A) Sirach 27:30—28:7; Psalm 102; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

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