



St. DOMINIC'S PARISH

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St DOMINIC'S PARISH CHURCH – Mass Times

Sadly, the re-introduction of Stage 3 Restrictions in response to the public health crisis means that the church is closed for all public liturgies for six weeks.

Also, we have been forced to suspend the on-line "streams" of our daily community liturgies, because the government will not allow live-streamed liturgies with more than five participants, even of the same household.

We will still stream the 11am Mass on Sunday, and midday Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

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Sunday: 11.00am, **Mon., Wed., & Fri.** 12 noon only

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: 12th — 19th July 2020

Sun 12th **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wed 15th **St Bonaventure**

Sun 19th **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

THE WORD AS SEED

Jesus is not teaching agronomy to farmers, he is teaching us about the surprising yield the Word of God produces. The crops suggest there is another force at work when we humans listen attentively to God's Word. It seems such an ordinary event, a word proclaimed and people listening - as ordinary as seed cast out into the air to land on potential, receptive soil. But Baptism, with its gift of the Holy Spirit, opened our ears and prepared the soil to hear God's Word. Today we listen with the hope that this Spirit will produce a hundredfold fruit in our lives; that the fruit might take the shape of what we have traditionally named the gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, fear of the Lord and piety.



Then, as hearers of the Word and recipients of the gifts of the Spirit, we have to ask ourselves: how am I now the seed that God is planting in the world? Where am I called to speak the Word of God in my daily life? All Christians are the fertile soil into which the seed has been planted and each of us, in turn, are now sowers.

It's about planting. How do we plant a word in the world and how fruitful will it become? Words like: "I forgive you." "I love you." "I'll be there when you need me." "Welcome." These words have their origin in Jesus, the complete Word of God to us. He teaches us to speak them by his actions and his words. He spoke a word of welcome to outsiders; a word of healing to the sick; a word of forgiveness to sinners; a word of acceptance to the least; a word of hope to the despairing, etc.

We might imitate the parable and try a little sowing. We will keep eyes and ears open for a chance, in some overt or subtle way, to speak a word to the curious, weary, despairing, doubting and searching. Who knows what the results of such seed-sowing might be? But the results are not under our control, are they? We are those who sow, wait and look for surprising results.

God's Word does not return void. That Word has been implanted in us and, who can count the many ways the seed of that Word sprouts in the lives of those we have touched with them? We may not see instant results, nor did the farmers to whom Jesus spoke. But faith is the reason we plant, and hope sustains us in our wait for the grain to appear - "a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Sat 06:00pm
 Sun 08:00am
 9:30am
 11:00am
 06:00pm

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READERS

Sat 06:00pm	C:	R:
Sun 08:00am	C:	R:
9:30am	C:	R:
11:00am	C:	R:
06:00pm	C:	R:

SANCTUARY CARERS FOR:

Altar Washing:
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PRAYERS WRITERS:

COLLECTION COUNTERS

WELCOMERS

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
June	\$3,617.75	\$468.00	\$ 360.83

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Sr Maura McAvoy OP , Fr Joss Breen OP
For those whose anniversaries occur at this time

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 **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	12 th July	9:45am	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
Mon	13 th July	7:00am	<i>Dominican Vocations</i>
Wed	15 th July	12:00pm	<i>Marjorie June Whelan</i>
Fri	17 th July	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 July is available on our website
<http://www.stdominics.org.au> to remind us
 to pray for those mentioned



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.

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"When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than the proceedings from the mouth."
 St Bonaventure

"For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge"
Psalm 91:3-4.



Hymn: Jesus, My everything - Matt Maher
Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC
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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.

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.

15TH SUNDAY YEAR A 2020 – A REFLECTION

Today's second reading draws attention to our relationship to the natural world. St Paul tells us that the whole of creation has been subjected to futility because of Adam's sin and it now waits in hope for its redemption that will only come when humanity is redeemed.



Paul's vision is in keeping with Scripture as a whole. One writer puts it this way: "If we consider created things, this earth, these heavens, the

Bible from end to end affirms their close connection and unity of destiny with humanity. For the Bible never considers the natural world apart from humanity – any more than it separates humans from their place and activity within creation."

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si* (2015) drew attention to this vision of ourselves and nature. The encyclical's title, taken from the opening line of St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun, points to the solidarity of humans and the natural world since the poor man of Assisi throughout his poem chose words that belong to the sphere of family – mother, brother, sister - when speaking of the non-human world.

"May you be praised, O Lord, in all your creatures, especially brother sun, by whom you give us light for the day . . . May you be praised, my Lord, for sister earth, our mother".

This solidarity is grounded in many things: God the Creator, for as created, we and the natural world and are all members of God's family. God is our Father. Then there is solidarity because humans together with the non-human material creation manifest God's glory: In Pope Francis's words: "Together, in solidarity, humans and the non-human world manifest God's glory."

Solidarity relates also to the 'stewardship' of Genesis. In our Pope's words: Humans "can take from the bounty of the earth whatever they need for subsistence, but they also have the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations."

The final dimension of solidarity is solidarity in worship. Our Holy Father comments: "Our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them." First we praise God for the sun, moon, water, wind and earth and then, as well, and because we are part of the material world, in union with the material world, we praise God.

A text from Vatican II expresses this traditional Christian thought: "Through their bodily composition humans gather to themselves the elements of the material world; thus they reach their crown through the human person, and through the human person raise their voice in free praise of the Creator."

The depth of our solidarity with the natural world reminds us of our calling to revere God for his gift of non-human creation, to respect its God-given goodness and beauty, and to use it appropriately with both self-control and with justice. May St Paul enlighten us as to the meaning of our solidarity with creation and the responsibilities we have to it.

Fr David Willis op

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

St Ignatius of Loyola 31 July

Ignatius, in his enormous legacy, gave us another approach to discernment. Discernment is more than a process that we use in our secular world, it has a role in our Christianity.

It's worth applying discernment as "the prayerful attentiveness to God's presence in us and in the world, and openness to answering God's call to us, both personally and collectively". Social Justice Diary 2020

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.

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HOW CAN I MAKE A "SPIRITUAL COMMUNION"? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

A person who cannot physically receive Holy Communion may unite himself or herself with the Eucharist in an act of prayer, expressing their love for Christ and his people and looking forward to the time when they can again receive the sacrament. After all, the final end or purpose of the sacrament is that Christ might dwell in the heart of the recipient. There is a well-known prayer of St Alphonsus which may be prayed - but you can certainly use your own words, or no words, instead, if you wish.

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.*

Amen.

PROPER OF THE MASS: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Today's Readings

(15th Ord, Year A) Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Next Week's Readings

(16th Ord, Year A) Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

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