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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 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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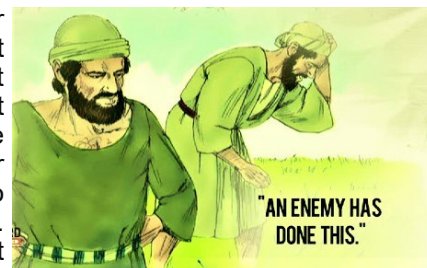
PARISH CALENDAR: 19th — 26th July 2020

Sun 19th **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wed 22nd **St Mary Magdalene**
10:00am PPC meeting—Online
Sat 25rd **St James**
Sun 26th **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deadline for Bulletin: **10.00am Thursday**

LIVE IN HOPE

There are things in our lives and in the world that are not right. It is hope that gets us to go up against the odds, ignore the naysayers, roll up our sleeves and do our best to change what is wrong. Certainly Christians cannot be complacent, we do our best to make things better for ourselves and for others. There are a lot of things we can and should fix. We have hope. But sometimes despite our best efforts we cannot change things - not right away. We live in an imperfect world and we cannot always do anything about it. The parable says it well.



In the Middle East, there is a weed called dandel and, at first, you cannot distinguish weed from wheat - not until both are fully grown. The weed's roots tangle around the roots of the wheat. If you pulled up the weeds, you would also pull up the wheat. Just as the parable describes. The evil gets destroyed, but so does the wheat. The master in the parable is right. He tells the servants, who want to rush out pull up the weeds to make things "right," "let them grow together until the harvest...." How frustrating! To watch weeds grow and you cannot do anything about it! You have to let certain things be for a while, even though you think you know the right and efficient thing to do. It is an imperfect world and we cannot do anything about it.

Weeds are a good symbol for evil in our world. They are tenacious and they are hard to eliminate. Like weeds, evil seems to have a life of its own. The parable raises the question we often ask, when our best efforts to do the right thing are met with resistance and even opposition. Where does evil come from?

You would think the Bible would have an answer to such an important question! We might have our own, but the Bible is almost silent on the subject. The response the parable offers is, "Some enemy has done this." Not a very satisfying answer to a pressing question. One thing the Bible tells us is: don't blame God when bad things happen to us. Don't say, "God is testing me", or, "I am being punished for something I did." That's not what the Bible says. "Some enemy has done this."

The parable offers us a warning. When you are dealing with evil, or what you think is evil, don't be overzealous trying to get rid of it - lest you do more harm than good. You could pull up the wheat.

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:

Flowers & Candle:

PRAYERS WRITERS: 26 June Hanrahan Family

COLLECTION COUNTERS

WELCOMERS

COLLECTION STATISTICS

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Leo Langtry **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Robert Martin, Manuel Francisco Da Cruz, Filomena Britto, Leonie Wheeler, Denis Fennessy

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	19 th July	9:45am 11:00am	Barry Hickey Robert Martin
Mon	20 th July	7:00am 12:00pm	Dominican Vocations Manuel Francisco Da Cruz
Tue	21 st July	7:00am	Leo Langtry
Wed	22 nd July	7:00am 12:00pm	Marjorie June Whelan Filomena Britto
Thu	23 rd July	7:00am	Barry Hickey Leonie Wheeler
Fri	24 th July	7:00am 12:00pm	Deceased Dominicans Denis Fennessy

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

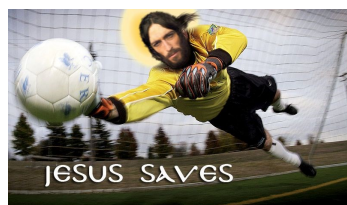
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"No one heals themselves by wounding another." - St Ambrose

"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: Give Thanks - Janella Salvador
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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.



In today's second reading Paul speaks of the Holy Spirit coming to help us in our prayer. "For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that

could never be put into words". Tradition has understood that Paul is telling us that our prayers, specifically, our prayers of petition, are both heard and helped by God.

St Augustine considered that Jesus had given us the perfect prayer when he taught his disciples the Our Father. In replying to a widow who had been disturbed by Paul saying that we do not know what to pray for Augustine explained that the Lord's Prayer was the bench mark for evaluating our petitions: "For whatever other words we may say if we pray rightly we say nothing but what is already contained in the Lord's Prayer."

Our Dominican brother St Thomas Aquinas agreed with Augustine while going even further for he considered that the Our Father not only contained everything we should ask for in prayer but it did so by putting our requests in their right order.

At the Last Supper Jesus promised that the Spirit would come to us in person: "[The Father] will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ... You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." The Spirit is interiorly present bestowing and sustaining in the believer the awareness of being God's child. Paul tells us it is the Spirit who bears witness with our spirit "that we are children of God." That is the context in which the Spirit helps us in our prayer. As St John in one of his letters has reminded us, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed." As children we are dependent on the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we might think of a parent's presence to their child, alongside them, helping them to discover and express their deepest and most genuine desires while growing in their relationship with their child. The Spirit's presence helps us so that our hopes and desires reflect those of the Lord's Prayer while at the same time nurturing us in our new identity, given through faith and Baptism, as children of God.

Fr David Willis OP

MASS READINGS AND HOMILIES

The readings can be find by clicking on links below
For Mass: <https://universalis.com/mass.htm>
For Vespers: <http://universalis.com/vespers.htm>
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or to listen to (podcasts) on our Homily webpage.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

St Ignatius of Loyola 31 July

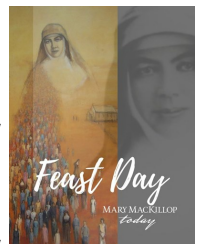
Ignatius, in his enormous legacy, gave us another approach to discernment. Discernment is more than a process that we use in our secular world, it has a role in our Christianity.

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: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and hearth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Today's Readings

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

Next Week's Readings

(17th Ord, Year A) 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

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