



22 October 2020

Dear friends,

Thanks to those who took the opportunity to meet with us in small groups over the last weeks at Sandringham, Hampton, and Brighton. We were very pleased to spend time listening and talking to parishioners from our communities.

We are being spiritually united each Sunday at 11am at [www.baysidecatholicmission.org](http://www.baysidecatholicmission.org) and praying in our own time and way at home. This Sunday Mass will be streamed from St Joan of Arc, Brighton.

The liturgy guide and prayers and a good range of prayer suggestions and can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.au/prayathome#Sunday>

## PARISH MEETINGS IN THE COMING WEEK

Please share this with your communities and invite others to come along. We want a chance to be with each other to pray, listen and talk and to present some information to you as a local community in Bayside.

You can join the Zoom meeting by clicking [HERE](#) or going to the website

## BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION

# Parish Meetings

 <b>St James</b> Tuesday 27th Oct 6:30pm	 <b>St Joan of Arc</b> Tuesday 27th Oct 7:45pm
 <b>St Mary's</b> Wednesday 28th Oct 6:30pm	 <b>Sacred Heart</b> Wednesday 28th Oct 7:45pm
  <b>Nazareth</b> Thursday 29th Oct 7:30pm	

Join the Zoom at [baysidecatholicmission.org](http://baysidecatholicmission.org)

# BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION

INCORPORATING THE COMMUNITIES OF STELLA MARIS BEAUMARIS, ST JOSEPH'S BLACK ROCK, ST JAMES GARDENVALE, ST JOAN OF ARC BRIGHTON, ST MARY'S HAMPTON, SACRED HEART SANDRINGHAM



## BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION



### Vision for the Future



**Thurs 5th Nov, 7pm**  
**Bayside: Parishes or Mission?**  
Archbishop Peter Comensoli  
Archbishop of Melbourne



**Thurs 12th Nov, 7pm**  
**Bayside: Looking Forward**  
Jude Hennessy  
Director of the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation, Diocese of Wollongong



**Thurs 19th Nov, 7pm**  
**A Vision for Bayside**  
Maeve Heaney (tbc)  
Senior Lecturer of Theology and Philosophy, ACU, Missionary of Verbum Dei Community



**Thurs 26th Nov, 7pm**  
**Launching Into the Deep**  
Vivien Dolar  
Former Missionary with NET Australia, Masters of Spiritual Direction Student

Join the Zoom at [baysidecatholicmission.org](https://baysidecatholicmission.org)

### Mass Times

Last Sunday I announced the Mass times I announced the Mass times for the future. For those who missed it, here is the list of times. For a video of the announcement go to – [www.baysidecatholicmission.org/masstimes](https://www.baysidecatholicmission.org/masstimes)

## BAYSIDE CATHOLIC MISSION M A S S T I M E S

Sat 5pm	Sacred Heart, Sandringham
Sat 6pm	St Mary's, Hampton
Sun 8am	St Joseph's, Black Rock
Sun 9am	Sacred Heart, Sandringham
Sun 10:30am	Stella Maris, Beaumaris
Sun 11am	St Joan of Arc, Brighton
Sun 5:30pm	St James', Gardenvale



## **Bayside Mission Team and Stewardship Team**

Our Mission and Stewardship Teams met this week. Some of the matters we discussed were:

- Financial position of the communities
- Upcoming parish meetings
- Change to school governance and property issues
- Review of Mass Time announcement and feedback
- Best use of parish resources and properties

This week we had a meeting with the Safeguarding people from our communities and made some very good progress on common policies, a Code of Conduct and Commitment Statement. Sharing our resources with each other in this forum makes a big difference and lightens the load for many people.

On Thursday morning we met with the staff of the parishes and talked about the possibilities of sharing resources and skills across our communities and places and locations.

We are continuing to explore how we can share our gifts and help each other across our communities in the areas of administration and pastoral care.

## **Support of our Communities**

Thank you to those who generously support our communities with your prayers and financial support during this time. As our normal sources of income (our collections) have stopped, we are extremely grateful to those who continue their contributions. Whilst Masses and sacraments have stopped, the bills have not!

If you would like information about direct debit options, please contact your local parish office:

[Brighton@cam.org.au](mailto:Brighton@cam.org.au) (St James and St Joan of Arc)

[Hampton@cam.org.au](mailto:Hampton@cam.org.au) (St Mary's)

[Sandringham@cam.org.au](mailto:Sandringham@cam.org.au) (Sacred Heart)

[Rickettspoint@cam.org.au](mailto:Rickettspoint@cam.org.au) (Stella Maris and St Joseph's)



## Act of Spiritual Communion

As you participate in Mass on-line, I invite you to make the Act of Spiritual Communion during Mass. You might also like to include this in your daily or regular prayers.

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St Alphonsus Liguori, alt. (1696-1787)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confessions

Following the slight easing of restrictions, there is an allowance for a small gathering of no more than five people outside a Place of Worship. The 'guidelines' state:

*Religious Gatherings: Can also take place outdoors with five people plus a faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship with only one group permitted at a time. You can only travel up to 5km from your home to attend a gathering and only for 2 hours.*

Within the constraints of these guidelines, we are now able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation outdoors, with some social distancing and face masks.

***Confessions will be available this Saturday morning outside Stella Maris church, Beaumaris from 10-11am.***

To comply with government rules, there is only allowed to be a maximum of five people waiting at any time in the designated space. If there are five people waiting, please remain in your car, or at a distance. Please also remember to wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

## Bayside Interim Mission Team

Here you can view a short video introducing you to the members of the Interim Mission team that have been assisting Fr Dean and I over the last months.

<https://youtu.be/RcexKBxvvgU>





## November – Month of the Holy Souls

On Sunday week we begin the month of November, when Catholics traditionally remember those who have passed before us. During this month, I invite you to pray for those in your communities who have passed away during this year, and particularly in the past months during the restrictions.

One way of recalling our loved ones is to have a picture of them in a prominent place this month, perhaps with a candle, and to gather as a household to pray together briefly each day.

As Catholics, we have the custom of 'November Masses', offering Mass for those family and friends who have died and for all the faithful departed. It is a great act of charity to pray for the dead, and to recall those who have nobody to pray for them. The Mass is the greatest prayer that we have.

At the moment, we are unable to have November envelopes or a 'Book of the Dead' in our churches to write in. If you would like a Mass offered for deceased loved ones you can go to [www.baysidecatholicmission.org](http://www.baysidecatholicmission.org) and the tab 'Support Us', and indicate in the description section your November Mass intention.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
May perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Let's continue to pray for the fair and equitable opening of our churches very soon, in line with other places in our communities. We have been encouraged to contact our local government MP's about this. The comments of the Archbishop in the media this past week were very encouraging about making our voice heard to be treated equally. Let us pray for justice in this regard. We need to be able to gather together as a community of faith in our places of worship, safely. When this is deprived of us, we all suffer.

Please pass on this email to anyone else you know who might not be receiving it. I know that not all parishioners have their email addresses registered with the parish. Please pass on the news to anyone you know.

May the Lord bless and protect you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father David Cartwright  
Moderator, Bayside Mission