



# The Parish of St. Fidelis

5 June 2020

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity Year A

Dear friends

I hope that you are staying safe and well during these times.

Whilst there seems to be some light beginning to dawn for us, it is still a time of uncertainty as we navigate our way in society with a new way of living.

We take comfort that during this change, we stay faithful to the Lord who does not change, and who stays faithful to us. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we are reminded that it is a community of self-giving love that is our model.

## Sunday Mass

As announced last week, the state government regulations allow now twenty people for Mass. We have twenty 'booked in' for this Sunday at 11am. For next Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> June), we will follow the same procedure:

Please call the parish office (9386 1224) **between 11am-12 on Wednesday**. The phone was very busy this week during this time; it is a great sign that so many are longing for the Mass and the Eucharist. **Please only call between these hours (not earlier)** to ensure a 'fair playing field' for everyone. Hopefully before too long we will be able to welcome more people to Mass, depending on the allowances of the state government.

In the meantime, it is imperative that we follow these regulations to the letter. Last week several churches were visited by the police and a fine was issued for non-compliance. It was a very sad thing for me to have to refuse somebody entrance to the church for Mass last week, but unless we can show our compliance, we risk a large fine and risk further concessions.

## Corpus Christi

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ. We will have a Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction with confessions from 3-4pm in the church. As above, it is necessary to 'book in' for this to ensure our compliance. The same procedure as above will apply: **please call between 11am-12 on Wednesday to register for the Holy Hour**. To allow as many to participate as possible, if you register for Mass, consider leaving this time for another person.

## Support of the Parish

Thanks to those who continue to support the parish by your spiritual support and your financial support. A reminder that your contributions can be made on line via the parish website or Facebook page.

<https://stfidelisparish.org.au/donate>

### **Parish YouTube Channel**

A reminder that our 11am Sunday Mass is being streamed on the parish Facebook Page as well as the parish YouTube channel.

Parishioners can click the "Subscribe" button on the St Fidelis Parish Moreland YouTube channel and they will receive a notification whenever we are broadcasting.

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

I encourage you to make the Act of Spiritual Communion each Sunday when watching the streamed Mass, as well as at other times of personal prayer. It is a great comfort especially when we cannot physically receive Holy Communion:

*My Jesus, 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 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.*

### **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

About this time of the year, we usually make the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal. This year, there are many people in need due to the strange times we find ourselves in. I commend this appeal to your generosity. Your contributions can be made at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) The Society of St Vincent de Paul is staffed by generous volunteers who are not paid and seek to reflect the love of Christ. Their generosity is a great gift to the parish and the Church and society.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are available on Saturdays from 10.30-11am and 4-4.30pm at the back door of the church- the sacristy door. There will be a chair and screen set up there to preserve privacy and anonymity. Please observe social distancing if others are waiting at this time.

### **Baptisms**

With the allowance for twenty people, we can move forward with baptisms under certain circumstances. Please contact the parish office if your baptism was postponed, or would like to book in for the coming months.

### **We remember in prayer.....**

The deceased members of our family and friends and our parish.

### **Coming Feasts**

Thurs 11 St Barnabas, apostle

Saturday 13 St Anthony of Padua

Sunday 14 Corpus Christi. The Body and Blood of Christ

Friday 19 June Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday 20 June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **Parish School**

This coming Tuesday we will welcome the remaining students back to school. We have had the Prep-year 2 students for two weeks, who have enjoyed the entire school and playground to themselves ! We all look forward to having all of our students back together next week. My thanks to Manuela and the school staff who have done a fantastic job preparing for this will all the extra cleaning and regulations that is required at this time.

My prayers for you and your loved ones this Sunday and for the coming week. May the Lord continue to bless and protect the parishioners of St Fidelis and St Oliver's.



Fr David Cartwright  
Parish Priest