



The Parish of St. Fidelis

12 June 2020

From the Pastor.....

Dear friends,

It was wonderful to welcome the remaining school students back to our parish school this week. All the new arrangements worked very well with dropping off and picking up. Again, our school staff are doing a marvellous job in managing all this within the 'new reality' that we find ourselves.

Part of this 'new reality' of course are the current restrictions that we still face in regard to public worship and use of our church. We are still limited to twenty people for Mass, and few more for funerals and weddings. It is a requirement that all who enter the church provide their names and telephone numbers; that they sit in designated places and the seats are cleaned after the Mass and there needs to be at least one hour between any use of the church by anyone.

In NSW their state government has allowed up to 50 people for Masses, let us pray that we will be given this allowance soon in Victoria. I will be discussing this and our future directions with the newly formed Mission Team on Saturday afternoon.

This Sunday we celebrate the great Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. May this Feast help to feed to 'longing' in our hearts for the Eucharistic Lord at Mass and in our church and chapel, and may this 'longing' help us to fall deeper in love with the Lord and the Mass.

Stained Glass Window

As I advised a few weeks ago, Catholic Church Insurances have accepted our claim for the repair of the large window which was damaged by wind a few weeks ago. This week the repairers visited, and work will begin soon. This project will take at least three months for the repair and replacement of the large window which will include scaffolding inside the church and work in their external workshop.

We remember in prayer.....

Joan Develin, the deceased members of our parish and families and friends.

Annual Retreat

This coming week I will be on my annual spiritual retreat. The parish office will be open as usual but I will not be available for messages or calls until Saturday 20 June. There will be no Friday email next week. I will remember you all in my prayers and Masses this week.

Coming Feasts

Friday 19 June Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
Saturday 20 Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Monday 22 Ss John Fisher and Thomas More
Wednesday 24 Birth of St John the Baptist
Sunday 28 13th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

Bookings for Mass

For 11am Sunday Mass on **June 21 and 28**, bookings will be accepted on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday by calling the parish office (9386 1224) **between 11-12 noon only**. If you have had the opportunity to already attend Mass, you may like to consider having a couple of weeks off to leave a place for another parishioner. Hopefully we will have some news soon about an increase in numbers.

We will keep streaming the 11am Mass during these times for those who cannot physically get to Mass.

Mission Team

My thanks to those who offered to serve on the newly formed 'Mission Team'. We will have our first meeting via Zoom this Saturday afternoon. If you have anything that you would like to offer or contribute, please don't hesitate to contact the parish.

Coming meetings

The Parish Education Board will meet on Tuesday 23 June at 7pm in the school library.
The Parish Finance Committee will meet via Zoom on Thursday 25 June at 7.30pm.

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.

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.

It is a little ironic that as we enter the depths of winter, we begin to see signs of new life. The football has returned, shops are opened, school is back for all students and society slowly begins to emerge from the cocoon. May this re awakening help us to see life in a new way, with fresh eyes to the wonder and action of God in the world and in our lives.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones this week.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr David Cartwright
Parish Priest