

6th October 2011

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

According to the NSW roadmap for the whole of state re-opening, during the fortnight from Monday 11 October until Monday 25 October only the fully vaccinated are permitted to enter churches. (*Monday 11 October is the Monday after 70% of the eligible population is fully vaccinated and Monday 25 October is the Monday after 80% will be completely vaccinated.*)

I direct that the Diocese, the Parishes and the clergy in the diocese follow the NSW government public health orders.

After receiving advice, I have decided that it is too onerous to ask parishes to monitor and implement compliance in respect to vaccination status. Also, the Church, the sacrament of communion, should not be separating people as they come to Mass. Further, excluding some Catholics from worship has the potential to cause long lasting upset and division. Thus, given the brief duration of this regulation, **I have taken the grave and sad decision to direct that in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga there will be no public or 'private' Masses with a congregation taking place and that our churches will close between Monday 11 October and Sunday 24 October inclusive.**

For similar reasons, our chapels of adoration will also close.

Our churches can be opened for funerals and weddings and these will follow the Public Health Orders.

From Monday 25 October, our Churches are again open to our entire community and regular Masses and other services will resume.

As a way of celebrating our unity in Christ, on Sunday 17 October and again on Sunday 24 October, in the diocese there will be one live-streamed Mass from the Cathedral at 9am on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/vFxmX1ui16A>

I invite you to join me for these Masses. This is an opportunity to celebrate our union as the pilgrim people who have their eyes fixed on the Lord. We will be explicitly the one body of Christ and remain united in this time of tension. This is an opportunity. Let us pray these Masses as the one Church of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.

I encourage those who are hesitant about receiving a vaccine to see their family doctor to discuss receiving it. Your doctor will give advice that is appropriate for you.

Your priests and I will be offering Mass for you during this time.

In Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate

Most Rev. Marc Edwards, OMI, Bishop of Wagga Wagga

LAST WEEK COLLECTIONS

**1st Collection \$742.00 — 2nd Collection \$1,815.10
Thank you for your much needed continued support**



Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal

9th/10th October, 2021

Sunday Mass Times:

Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 8am and 10am

Daily Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday: Friday 5:45pm

Tuesday-Thursday 7am.

Saturday: 9.30am

Changes of Mass times on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dorothy Waterford, Frances Melloney Wade, Peter Koth, Sharon Taylor, Norm Corbett, Sr. Carmel Clancy pbvm, Steven Bourke, Joan Druett (Marian Pitura's mother), Dorothy Castle, Edmond Dearn, Debbie Cox, Mary Kennedy (Trish Goonan's sister in law) and Andrew Winslett (Marg and Harry Edmonds' grandson), Francis B. Conlan., Margaret Matthews (SHP Principal's mother), William Longmore, Lyle McPherson (Nola Baker's Brother-in-law), Ron Terry, Mike Fogarty, Sr. Barbara Hallam pbvm, David Pulver, Merle Simpson, Molly van Der Rijt, Leo Berben

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: David Mavroudis,

SICK: Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Mary Condell, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Shirley Gabriel, Brianna Papworth, Harry Edmonds, Jeff Edwards, Gwen Castle, Margaret Casey, Fran Ellis, Stephen Buchanan, Ian Buchanan, Liam Hatt (Claire Baker's grandson), Fr. Luke Fongi (Singapore), Bruce Price.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2021

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel. (Pope Francis)

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of *Wisdom 7:7-11*

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 89:12-17*

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the *Hebrews 4:12-13*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Mt 5: 3*

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mark 10:17-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.' The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Possessed

The lie about all of our stuff is this: we possess it. In fact, our possessions own us more powerfully than we can ever hope to claim them. Make a mental list of what you think you've got: home, car, lawn, furniture, education, bank accounts, title, position, relationships, and responsibilities. Whatever we have, it also has us. And what it costs us to maintain all of our stuff goes much deeper than our wallets. It takes time and life and effort and will to keep all the stuff of our lives in place.

Even the poorest person on the planet possesses something; the goal isn't to renounce all resources because we can't. We'd still be in possession of our lives. The spiritual goal is to surrender what we possess, so that it can't make us less free. If we surrender our resources to God's purposes, then no one can take anything from us. We become liberated when our worldly wealth is at the disposal of God's will. Those who walk off with heavy hearts are dragging their possessions with them.

Which of your possessions is the most burdensome for you?

Tread lightly in your relationships. Make fewer demands, give without expecting anything in return. Free them, and yourself, from the burden of expectations.

"No chance at all if you think you can pull it off by yourself. Every chance in the world if you let God do it".

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ALL SOULS MASS—TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 7:30PM
the Parish remembers those parishioners and parishioners' dear ones
who have died in the past 12 months.