



EDMONTON CATHOLIC PARISH

St Thérèse Church

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Gordonvale Sunday Masses

Masses suspended until further notice

Edmonton Sunday Masses

Masses suspended until further notice

Reconciliation: By appointment

For Service times across the Diocese: 40511990 or www.cairns.catholic.org.au

A Welcoming Parish: Under the patronage of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Sun 05/4	Palm Sunday 9.30am Mass live streamed from Parish Centre – see Parish Website	Thurs 09/4	7.30am Mass-Cancelled until further notice
Mon 06/3		Fri 10/4	
Tues 07/3	7.30am Mass –Cancelled until further notice	Sat 11/4	
Wed 08/4	6.00pm Mass-Cancelled until further notice	Sun 12/4	Easter Sunday 9.30 am Mass live streamed from Parish Centre – See Parish Website



R.I.P. Lord of Life raise up in glory all those who have died recently, those for whom we are asked to pray and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Adrian Van Dorssen, Sandra Hayes, Hector Maull, Laurie MacPherson, Cecil O'Brian, Donald Youngman, Danilo Montecillo, Liliann Sues, Jack Maull, Alex Maull Snr, Terry Nolan, Jack Croucher, Roy

Greenwood, Colleen Anne Robinson, Paul McKeon, Lyn Lennon and Giovanni Vasta

We acknowledge the Yidinji (Yidiny) people, our land's traditional stewards and custodians.

Confession when a priest is not available

The habit of returning home, of returning to the Father's tenderness "takes flesh in the Sacrament of Reconciliation", Pope Francis explained (20.03.20).

"I know that many of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: 'But Father...I can't leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me... How can I do that unless I find a priest?'. Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."

Communion @ Home

If you are aware of people who would benefit from communion at home, please contact Fr Karel to discuss. It could be possible to provide communion, under special circumstances, to be reserved at home: frail, aged, families.

Stay Connected – Phone/Email a Friend

Make sure you keep in regular contact with other parishioners, friends and colleagues, vulnerable people at this time ... to make sure they are calm and safe. Call others for assistance if necessary.

Sunday Mass 9.30 am - Live Streamed from the Parish Meeting Room.

Information about other live streaming elsewhere, including prayer resources/links and other helpful resources, is available on our web site.

Baptisms, Funerals and Marriages

Go to the parish website for more information or call the parish office.

Weekly Parish Newsletters

... will continue to be available on our parish website. Hard copies will be available outside the church or at the parish office. Stay in touch! Information is moving fast.

Holy Week Ceremonies

- Holy Thursday – All services cancelled.
- Good Friday – All services cancelled.
- Easter Vigil - No Service or Mass (no live streaming)
- Easter Sunday – Live Stream at 9.30 am: go to our website.

Celebrating Holy Week @ Home: This excellent resource contains *simple family-friendly rituals* for each of the days from Palm/Passion Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is on the parish website. Contact the parish office if you need a hard copy or sent to you by email.

Ten Ignatian Tips for Coping with Coronavirus: a spirituality for strange times.

by Brendan McManus SJ - 20.03.20

This is a particularly tough time in human history where the new coronavirus has many people worried, unsure as to how to act and often undermined by fear. There can be for some a tendency to behave in a selfish or irrational way, where emotions can often override good decision making.

Already we have seen examples of people behaving irresponsibly in panic buying or hoarding, ignoring social distancing or hand sanitizing guidelines. Others dream up conspiracy theories and some even spiritualise the problem as a divinely sent plague, naively believing that religious faith alone will protect them from contracting the virus.

However, we have also seen examples of great heroism (especially in front line staff), good will, human solidarity and courage. There is always a way through, people in darkness always find their way to the light.

St. Ignatius Loyola was a survivor, he survived a major life-threatening injury, convalescence, life begging on the road and times of great uncertainty. He developed an approach to 'living through difficulty' based on his experience and using certain rules of thumb. Based on these insights, I humbly offer some reflections and practical advice which may be of help.

1/10. Living in the real: The first thing is to accept this new reality which has overtaken us.

This is a painful transition as we try to hang on to the past, finding such radical change hard to accept. Things that we took for granted such as shaking hands, socializing and even going to school or work have radically altered. The Ignatian catchphrase 'Finding God in all things', challenges us to find peace in inhabiting this new, unasked for reality. The primary thing therefore is to accept the new reality or 'new normal'.

Different rules apply and all of us are asked to change our behaviour to protect ourselves and crucially to protect others, especially those classed as vulnerable or with an underlying health condition. It's a no brainer that medical science has to dictate our approach, even given that the medical institutions are also scrambling to get a handle on this too. Now is not the time for private theories, alternative approaches or untested methods. See the **health.gov.au** website for up to date health and protection advice.