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Season of Creation  
1-Sep to 4-Oct in the  
Year of  
Laudato si'

## Catholic Parish of St Canice

We acknowledge the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

27 September 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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### Masses – for ≤101 people

Tu 7am, W & Th 9am, F 12noon, Sa 9am  
Register: Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am 10:30am.  
Online: Sat 6pm <https://www.facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/live/>

### Weddings, Funerals – for ≤100 people

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

### Reconciliation

By arrangement

### Viaticum & Anointing

As requested - contact the Parish Office or  
0427 566 324 after hours.

### Healing Mass

Cancelled

### Baptism & Child Sacraments, RCIA

Contact Parish Office Tel: 9358 5229

## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

For his annual message, Pope Francis uses the image of **“Forced like Jesus Christ to flee”** to focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people. We are reminded that many kinds of vulnerable people are on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. Read it or watch a 3-minute message [here](#). For those who get JRS newsletters, a reminder about the online webinars.

## International Day of Older Persons (Oct. 1)

Most of us are interested in activities designed for groups to which we belong. So the International Day of Older Persons will naturally attract the attention of those of us who are ageing. We might be pleased that it refers to us as older persons and not as the Aged or the Elderly. We see ourselves as persons who happen to be older than some people, yet younger than many others. We might even hesitate to call ourselves old during those good times when our joints work properly. As someone with experience in being an older person said, the worst thing about being old is that you don't feel old.

Nevertheless, as we grow older we do live with the death and illness of more of our friends, lose some of our physical strength and agility, are more vulnerable to illness and injury, and may need our spectacles to find our spectacles, a diary to remember our appointments, and a morning walk to loosen our back and joints. If we are fortunate we shall still be able to live independently, have relatives and friends to check on our health, and be able to find good supported accommodation when we need it.

In Australia, however, we are now realising that we need to be very fortunate. The image of couples growing older together in a golden autumn light, which we see in the advertising puff of insurance companies and homes for older persons, is attractive. But in reality it is rare. The coronavirus has revealed a much starker picture of growing old in Australia. As the life expectancy of adults moves closer towards 100 years, many people live in nursing homes and homes for the aged. These, we now know, are underfunded. Many are run for profit, and so economise on food and services, lack in regular staff trained to work with older persons and nurses to provide medication, and provide little stimulus for the people living there.

During the spread of coronavirus the mixture of older persons vulnerable to CV, underpaid staff who worked shifts in many homes, underfunding and regulatory neglect by government, has ensured that many people contracted and died from coronavirus during the pandemic, and exacerbated the shortage of nursing and other staff in the homes. It also condemned the people living there to an isolated life in which they could not receive visitors or easily make other connections. The homes seemed to be like warehouses, and the residents to be like the interchangeable goods shelved there. The systematic depriva-

**Help everyone by booking a weekend place at mass by Thursday!**



**Entrance Procession**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Collect**

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son...

**First Reading** Ezekiel 18:25-28 *The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The Lord says this: “You object, O House of Israel! You say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? “When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. “Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.”

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 24:4-9 *The Lord shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path*

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**Second Reading** Philippians 2:1-11 *In your minds be the same as Christ Jesus*

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, then make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



**Gospel Acclamation** John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 21:28-32 *He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and challenged his authority. So Jesus asked them this question. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I am going, sir’; but he did not go. “Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

**Memorial Acclamation**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



*from p.1: tion of older people by governments and their economic priorities, which placed financial surplus above human dignity, has been revealed in all its shame by the pandemic.*

The Day for Older Persons reminds us above all that older persons are persons, not economic costs. Like all persons, they have long experience, desires, memories, loves, joys and griefs. Their life has been a gift and it remains a gift both to their families and friends and to society.

*Andrew Hamilton sj*

Remembering those who have gone before us...

**Recently Deceased:** Trish Fitzpatrick (wife of Kevin), Sr Maureen O'Halloran, Jan Pinkerton, Sonja Kellow; victims of COVID-19 inc. 47+ Jesuits.

**Anniversaries:** Greg Woodburn.

Let us pray for...

**Recently ill:** Those with Covid-19; Michele Peters, John Harding, Paul Scharrer, John Hallett, Cassandra Woodburne, Maurice Heading SJ, Jillian Wells, Antonios Constantine, Alison Dudley, Marina Byron, Hayden Ure, Amanda Sinclair, Michael Kelly SJ, Br Terry Kavenagh OSB, Fr Peter Maher, Wilhelmina van Wanrooy, Kevin Matthews, Gwen Feeney, Aloysious Mowe SJ, Jack Ryan Duffy, Anne O'Sullivan, Susanne O'Sullivan, Belen Latorre, Michael Taylor, Tony Catt, Siobhan Pearson, James Toohey, Maria Grazia Orlandi, Robert Horder, Clive Adams, Patrick Brogan, John Laing, Linda Stein, Ruby Naidu, Sandra Holyeak, Ray Walsh, Omar Soliman, Dulcie Kennedy, Flynn Cawood, Valentino Close, Ronald Soussa, Sophie Napier, Veronica Rainbird, Joan Agbor.

**Baptised:** Chester Rogers

**Available:** Australian Catholics (Spring edition: gold coin donation in SVdP box on wall welcome); Reflect (Jesuit Mission News).

If you would like the parish to pray for someone or to bring them Holy Communion, please contact Lynelle at the Parish Office on 9358 5229 or email <lynelle@stcanice.com.au> Please note you must have a person's permission for their name to be on the bulletin's sick list.

Please remind yourself of the expectations listed on the "St Canice's COVIDtime" sheet at the desks: we should (and are obliged legally) to follow our plan!

## Parish Calendar

Sun 27	(online, Sat 6pm <a href="#">click here</a> )
Tue 29	STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, <i>archangels</i>
Wed 30	St Jerome, <i>priest &amp; doctor</i>
Thu 1	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, <i>virgin &amp; doctor</i>
Fri 2	Holy Guardian Angels
Sat 3	St Francis Borgias SJ, <i>priest</i>
	27th Ord.: Come in person— <b>No online this week</b> , Sat 6pm <a href="#">here</a>
Sun 2	Prior <b>booking</b> please! 6pm, 8:30am, 10:30am. <i>Daylight Savings begins</i>

Complete an attendance form at church

Tue 29 September Mass 7am

Wed 30 Mass 9am.

Thu 1 October Mass 9am

Fri 2 Mass 12 noon

Sat 3 Mass 9am.

## Groups in the Church

The parish has been getting requests to use of the Church for a variety of purposes. For instances not involving a religious service, we are restricted to 20 people. NSW Health has confirmed that we do not need to supervise such use. The parish needs to have a COVID plan for non-service usage. Groups using the Church (or Hall) must use their own industry plan and provide us with a copy. Current requests involve possible uses such as film, song, and 12-step programs.

## Pray with Jesuit Mission: Joy

It has been a tough year and it still is. And so ever more important for us to find joy. Join Australian Jesuit Mission in prayer at <<https://jesuitmission.org.au/who-we-are/our-spirituality/fse/>>

## Ordinary Time...

when we live out our discerned Easter vocation in everyday life, daily putting on Christ crucified and risen.

## Spirituality news

A number have commented on how helpful this new newsletter is. Check it out [here](https://jisa.org.au/2020/08/20/509/) <<https://jisa.org.au/2020/08/20/509/>> –from *Jesuit & Ignatian Spirituality Australia*.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

**last call for enrolments:** will be celebrated this year on either Saturday 14th or 21st November at the 6pm Mass. If you would like to enrol your child to receive Confirmation this year please contact Lynelle **no later than Tuesday 29th September**. Obtain enrolment forms for her as follows:

- On the St Canice Parish website
- By emailing <lynelle@stcanice.com.au>
- Phone the Parish Office: 9358 5229
- At the back of the church.

## Social Justice Statement

*To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today.* Please read or **download** it!

# Parish Notices

## Next Week's Readings:

3 / 4 October – 27th Ordinary Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

**No online mass next Saturday!**

## Two Wolves Community Cantina

at Chippendale (the Mexican restaurant run by the Jesuits' young adults ministry), is now available for **events and functions!** Whether for a Birthday Party, a Work Christmas Event or a Community Reunion, we would love to accommodate you. All profits go towards supporting the ministry, *The Cardoner Project*, here **and** in the developing world. Enquire today at <[events@thetwowolves.com.au](mailto:events@thetwowolves.com.au)> for more info.

## JRS Foodbank Appeal

JRS stocks of **rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk** are RUNNING LOW. If you can donate these items we have drop off spots around Sydney **here**.

**The Pope's Prayer in the Year of Laudato si'**

*Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth,  
and all therein contained.*

*Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.*

*Be present to those in need in these difficult times,  
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.*

*Help us to show creative solidarity  
as we confront the consequences  
of the global pandemic.*

*Make us courageous in embracing  
the changes required to seek the common good.*

*Now more than ever, may we all feel  
interconnected and interdependent.*

*Enable us to succeed in listening and responding  
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.*

*May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs  
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.*

*We pray through Christ our Lord,  
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,  
Amen.*

We note with sadness that **Carolina Gottardo, the head of JRS Australia is finishing up in early November, as the family moves overseas next year.**

## The Season of Creation—

finishes next Sunday, 4 October (the feast day of St Francis of Assisi). What difference has it made to our attitude to our Mother Earth this year?

## New, around the parish...

The use of space at St Canice's is a particular focus at present. Since Blaiket House can no longer be used for accommodation because of associated costs of maintenance, fire safety and other issues, we are re-purposing it to become a shared space for our parish community, parish staff and volunteers. The ground floor will be used for prayer groups, committee meetings etc., and as a sorting/storage area for clothing donations and for JRS files we had elsewhere. Other changes are still being finalised.

Our parish hall has also been cleaned out and is now more spacious. If you have an idea of how we can use these areas to help parishioners better connect, please contact Brian Anderson <[brian.anderson@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:brian.anderson@syd.catholic.edu.au)> or Lynelle. PF.

## People still want to be Catholics

**September is the best time** to enquire about the Catholic Church—no strings attached. Or to take it seriously again. Or you may know someone... Talk to the PP or them! *And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?* Romans 10

## Face masks &c.

Our Archbishop exhorts parishioners to wear masks at Mass; and always to observe social distancing

## The Catholic Weekly

\$2 to the StVdP box please. Also available in a digital form at <[www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)>

## News, depth, spirituality:

Australian Jesuit News— <[www.jesuit.org.au](http://www.jesuit.org.au)>, Australian Catholics— <[australiancatholics.com.au](http://australiancatholics.com.au)>, Eureka Street— <[www.eurekastreet.com.au](http://www.eurekastreet.com.au)>, Madonna— <[www.madonnamagazine.com.au](http://www.madonnamagazine.com.au)>

**Remember to register: online / email / phone**

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or <[safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org)> You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## LIKE JESUS CHRIST, FORCED TO FLEE—*Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating internally displaced persons*

At the beginning of this year, in my Address to the members of the Diplomatic Corps, I pointed to the tragedy of internally displaced people as one of the challenges of our contemporary world: “Situations of conflict and humanitarian emergencies, aggravated by climate change, are increasing the numbers of displaced persons and affecting people already living in a state of dire poverty. Many of the countries experiencing these situations lack adequate structures for meeting the needs of the displaced”.

[We have] issued a document (5/5/20), which aims to inspire and encourage the pastoral work of the Church in this specific area.

For these reasons, I have decided to devote this Message to the drama of internally displaced persons, an often unseen tragedy that the global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated. In fact, due to its virulence, severity and geographical extent, this crisis has impacted on many other humanitarian emergencies that affect millions of people, which has relegated to the bottom of national political agendas those urgent international efforts essential to saving lives. But “this is not a time for forgetfulness. The crisis we are facing should not make us forget the many other crises that bring suffering to so many people” (Urbi et Orbi, 12/4/2020).

In the light of the tragic events that have marked 2020, I would like this Message, although concerned with internally displaced persons, to embrace all those who are experiencing situations of precariousness, abandonment, marginalisation and rejection as a result of COVID-19.

I would like to start with the image that inspired Pope Pius XII in his Apostolic Constitution *Exsul Familia* (1/8/52). During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees, “which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease (cf. Mt 2:13-15, 19-23). Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families” (Angelus, 29 December 2013). In each of these people, forced to flee to safety, Jesus is present as he was at the time of Herod. In the faces of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers and prisoners, we are called to see the face of Christ who pleads with us to help (cf. Mt 25:31-46). If we can recognise him in those faces, we will be the ones to thank him for having been able to meet, love and serve him in them.

Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord, “even though our eyes find it hard to recognise him: his clothing in tatters, his feet dirty, his face disfigured, his body wounded, his tongue unable to speak our language” (Homily, 15 February 2019). We are called to respond to this pastoral challenge with the four verbs I indicated in my Message for this Day in 2018: **welcome, protect, promote and integrate**. To these words, I would now like to add another **six pairs of verbs** that deal with very practical actions and are linked together in a relationship of cause and effect.

**You have to know in order to understand.** Knowledge is a necessary step towards understanding others. Jesus himself tells us this in the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus: “While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him” (Lk 24:15-16). When we talk about migrants and displaced persons, all too often we stop at statistics. But it is not about statistics, it is about real people! If we encounter them, we will get to know more about them. And knowing their stories, we will be able to understand them. We will be able to understand, for example, that the precariousness that we have come to experience as a result of this pandemic is a constant in the lives of displaced people.

**It is necessary to be close in order to serve.** It may seem obvious, yet often it is the contrary. “But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where the man was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him” (Lk 10:33-34). Fears and prejudices – all too many prejudices – keep us distant from others and often prevent us from “becoming neighbours” to them and serving them with love. Drawing close to others often means being willing to take risks, as so many doctors and nurses have taught us in recent months. This readiness to draw near and serve goes beyond a mere sense of duty. Jesus gave us the greatest example of this when he washed the feet of his disciples: he took off his cloak, knelt down and dirtied his hands (cf. Jn 13:1-15).

**In order to be reconciled, we need to listen.** God himself taught us this by sending his Son into the world. He wanted to listen to the plea of suffering humanity with human ears: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son... that the world might be saved through

him” (Jn 3:16-17). A love that reconciles and saves begins with listening. In today’s world, messages multiply but the practice of listening is being lost. Yet it is only through humble and attentive listening that we can truly be reconciled. In 2020, silence has reigned for weeks in our streets. A dramatic and troubling silence, but one that has given us the opportunity to listen to the plea of the vulnerable, the displaced and our seriously ill planet. Listening gives us an opportunity to be reconciled with our neighbour, with all those who have been “discarded”, with ourselves and with God, who never tires of offering us his mercy.

**In order to grow, it is necessary to share.** Sharing was an essential element of the first Christian community: “Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common” (Acts 4:32). God did not want the resources of our planet to benefit only a few. This was not the Lord’s will! We have to learn to share in order to grow together, leaving no one behind. The pandemic has reminded us how we are all in the same boat. Realising that we have the same concerns and fears has shown us once more that no one can be saved alone. To grow truly, we must grow together, sharing what we have, like the boy who offered Jesus five barley loaves and two fish... yet they proved enough for five thousand people (cf. Jn 6:1-15)!

**We need to be involved in order to promote.** As Jesus was with the Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:1-30). The Lord approaches her, listens to her, speaks to her heart, and then leads her to the truth and makes her a herald of the Good News: “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did! Can this be the Christ?” (v. 29). Sometimes the impulse to serve others prevents us from seeing their real riches. If we really want to promote those whom we assist, we must involve them and make them agents in their own redemption. The pandemic has reminded us of how essential co-responsibility is, and that only with the contribution of everyone – even of those groups so often underestimated – can we face this crisis. We must find “the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognise that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity” (Meditation in Saint Peter’s Square, 27 March 2020).

**It is necessary to cooperate in order to build.** That is what the Apostle Paul tells the community of Corinth: “I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement” (1 Cor 1:10). Building the Kingdom of God is a duty common to all Christians, and for this reason it is necessary that we learn to cooperate, without yielding to the temptation to jealousy, discord and division. In the present context it should be reiterated: “This is not a time for self-centredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons” (Urbi et Orbi Message, 12 April 2020). To preserve our common home and make it conform more and more to God’s original plan, we must commit ourselves to ensuring international cooperation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded.

I would like to conclude with a prayer suggested by the example of Saint Joseph at the time he was forced to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus.

*Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked. Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places. Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials. Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.*

*May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.*

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 May 2020, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima.

*Franciscus*

# St Canice's COVID-time: please assist us

## Attending church, and online mass

Our floor space allows us to have the maximum 100 people in total, **subject to distancing and registering**. Those who are unwell or at risk due to compromised immune or respiratory system **must not attend**; those over 70 or frail should carefully consider not coming. (This all applies to baptisms, funerals and weddings as well, which can also be livestreamed as a funeral service recently was.)

So that mass can begin in a timely manner, if at all possible, please register **by 3pm Thursday**, and arrive early. Register via the email you are sent on Monday or Tuesday (check your junk mail!). Otherwise visit our website, or contact the office.

People may visit the Church, but only by arrangement with the office.

**The best address now** for our live-streamed mass and all our completed liturgies is <https://www.facebook.com/StCanicesElizabethBay/live/> **here**.

## Attending mass in Covid time with physical distance

Please note each and every one of steps I ask *you* to take.

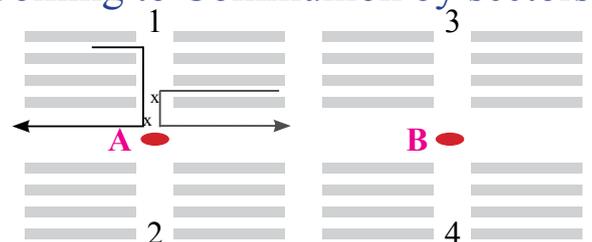
The command to love your neighbour sometimes takes strange forms!

1. If you have any **symptom** or are frail, you **must not** come. Pray at home!
2. By Thursdays, please **register** online or by phone for the Sunday mass you wish to attend. All on our email list get this weekly message by Tuesday.
3. We strongly encourage you to bring a **face mask**, and please arrive **early** if possible, especially if you did not register for this exact mass. You may be directed to a particular door.
4. Any **couples** and small households may keep close together
5. At all times households or individuals must maintain **1.5m distance** from each other, whether outside the church, entering and leaving the church, in your place, at the collection, at communion. **Touch** as few surfaces as possible.
6. When you are safely able to enter the church, please sanitise your **hands**. Cleansing stations are on the left and right of the door.
7. Collect a **bulletin**. Don't return it or other papers. Only your household should touch it.
8. Have your **name** ticked off (or register) at the table near the entrance door you used.
9. We have designated about **60 places** where you can sit—some places are for 1 person only. Please use common sense as well. **Stand or sit** in that place and don't move forward or touch the pew in front of you.
10. Please join in the responses but **do not sing**. If you have our Mass response sheet, do not leave it in church and please retain it for future masses.
11. After the intercessions, you can add to each **collection** using 2 baskets.
12. Please join in the **sign of peace** by gesture and/or voice.
13. **Communion** is done in 4 sectors. Approach via the aisle in front of the minister, maintain 1.5m distance. Quietly receive in the hand only, holding your arms out, and in such manner that the minister would not risk touching your hand. Return to your place via the aisle to the left or right.
14. **Sanitise** your hands as you leave, 1.5m distant. When outside, socialise little here.

Thank you for your care in assisting us, and protecting others. *Paul Fyfe SJ, PP [version 200808]*



## Coming to Communion by sectors



Wait for your sector; maintain 1.5m !