



# Surrey Hills Wattle Park Parish



**Our Holy Redeemer**  
4 Barton Street  
Surrey Hills 3127

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
301 Elgar Road  
Surrey Hills 3127

## SUNDAY 19 JULY 2020 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A

### WEEKEND MASSES\*

\*As of 11.59 pm on Wednesday 8 July 2020, Masses from Surrey Hills Wattle Park Parish will be streamed online as churches will be closed as we are in a restricted postcode. Updates will be made on Parish website as they become available.

### Parish Office Hours

(incl. SHWP Hall bookings)  
During COVID restrictions, the Office will be attended for limited hours; calls and emails will continue to be monitored during regular office hours.

**Tuesday - Friday: 9.30am—3pm**

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Sunday 26 July—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**First Reading** *1 Kgs 3:5.7-12*

Solomon is granted an understanding heart.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97*

Lord, I love your commands.

**Second Reading** *Rom 8:28-30*

God makes all things work for the good of those who love him.

**Gospel** *Mt 13:44-52*

Jesus describes the kingdom through images.

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



Far and near,  
Near or far,  
My neighbour is my duty and my joy.  
Her eyes are the eyes of Christ:  
His hands are Christ's hands  
reaching out to me  
as I reach out to them.  
Oh God in this very challenging time,  
help us all to be good neighbours.

*Kate McIlhagga*

### REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose death anniversary occur at this time:



Maud Ross, Brian Clifton, John Brown, Frank Colosimo, Carmel Egan, Hilda Keogh, Margaret Cavallo, Phyllis Wheeler, Enid Curtain, Florence Parish, Leslie Wilton, Morva Sanders, Eileen McKenna, John Norris, Afton Burke, Nina Millman, Thomas Cooke, Frank Hederic, Laurence Hewat, Anna Pastor, Leo Fitzgerald, Sister Christine Rose Meyer and Juan Wetherley.

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May their souls rest in peace.**

**"Surrey Hills Wattle Park Parish Community, committed to the Victorian Child Safety Standards"**

**SUNDAY, 19 JULY 2020**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**

**PARISH COMMUNITY**

As valued members of the parish, each of you has a role to play in the pastoral care of this community. Please keep an eye out for each other and if you are aware of someone who is unwell or has been hospitalised/gone to care please contact the parish office so support can be offered.

**SVDP WELFARE ASSISTANCE**

A free and confidential service for those requiring assistance - please phone 1800 305 330 Monday to Fridays (excluding public holidays).

**PARISH NOTICES**

Parish Bulletin requests must be in by Wednesday midday. Please email all requests to [shwp@cam.org.au](mailto:shwp@cam.org.au)

**AN ACT  
OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**July 19, 2020**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)*

As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfil God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



**PARISH UPDATE**

Due to the increase in active cases of COVID-19, the Premier has moved metropolitan Melbourne into Stage 3 restrictions for the next six weeks.

**Practical implications during this time include:**

- **No public celebration of Mass. Our parish will continue to broadcast Sunday Mass online each week.**
- **Funeral liturgies are now limited to 10 people.**
- **Weddings are now limited to five people.**
- **Baptisms are suspended until further notice.**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

During the current lockdown period, the Parish Office will be attended for limited hours. Phone messages and emails will be checked regularly and responded to as soon as possible.

**PHYSICALLY DISTANCED AND SOCIALLY CONNECTED**

During this time, your parish will continue to be here for you as we once again practise physical distancing and social connection in order to support one another. If you are in need of pastoral care, please do not hesitate to make contact with the Parish Office.



If you know of someone in our community who is isolated, housebound or in need of assistance, please contact the Parish Office. Assistance may include shopping for grocery or pharmacy items, frequent telephone calls to stay in touch, walking pets or lawn mowing, all whilst maintaining physical distancing.

Thank you to parishioners who have kindly offered to assist in some way and have their name placed on a temporary database.

The parish office is continuing to review the database to ensure that as many parishioners as possible are being kept informed of news within the parish. Please let us know if your contact details have changed, or of any requests to add names to our email list.

**SUNDAY MASS ROSTER INFORMATION**

With recently revised restrictions we continue to record Mass but in one Chapel only: at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, so recording technology and Staff are not alternating venues. We are reduced to a maximum of 5 participants, including the celebrant and the person recording the Mass. Consequently, there will be one Reader from SHWP this week and one reader from Camberwell Balwyn Deepdene (CBD) the following week and we will continue to alternate those two readers only while we are in lockdown. This will be evaluated once guidelines allow for increased gathering numbers.

We welcome your feedback regarding the recorded Masses—email is the preferred method of communication as the Office is currently attended for limited hours.

### **PRESBYTERY COLLECTION AND STEWARDSHIP GIVING**

Your continued support of the Parish and Presbytery is appreciated during these uncertain times. During the current Stage 3 restrictions, the Parish Office will be attended for limited hours so Thanksgiving Envelopes contributions will not be able to be received during this time. Please consider changing your method of contribution to either Credit card or Debit Card. Forms are available on the Parish website (under the Donate Tab) or email the Parish Office for further details.

### **TAX RECEIPTS**

Thankyou for your generous contribution to the Parish over the past year, tax receipts for the end of the Financial Year have been either emailed or posted during the week.

### **SHWP PARISH REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP**

Commencing in late 2019 to support the already established St Bridget's Parish Greythorn Refugee Support Group, the SHWP parish community assists in offering accommodation support to families and individuals seeking asylum, and communicating information concerning the situation of those seeking asylum. This initiative – while constricted by the current circumstances – has seen a number of generous financial donations made to the Greythorn Parish accommodation support program, food collection by OHR Primary School and the supply household goods which have been distributed via connections with other local agencies such as Catholic Care. Clearly, the need is ongoing, and perhaps even more pressing in these times. If you have any questions or proposals for this group, please contact Graham O'Rourke at 0424625303.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE IN A COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT How do we respond?**

Three evenings which will be helpful to parish social justice teams, those involved in outreach ministries, including St Vincent de Paul Society members, Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support groups or anyone who is interested in reactivating a social justice network during or post COVID-19. The series will conclude with a meeting of CBD Parish Social Justice Network on Thursday, 27 August. More information will be available on the parish website: <https://ourholyredeemer.cam.org.au/>

### **EASTERN CENTRAL CATHOLIC PARISHES FACEBOOK GROUP**

Parishioners, friends, supporters and colleagues of Surrey Hills Wattle Park, Camberwell, Balwyn and Deepdene Parishes are invited to join us in establishing the [Eastern Central Catholic Parishes Facebook Group](#). This new group will provide an opportunity for dialogue, connection and support as both our Church and world are renewed at this time.

### **COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE**

**Sale Closing Date: 11 September 2020**

**Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm**

**Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020**

Your generous support of this is appreciated—other than for a small amount of the proceeds which is used to cover the running costs of the raffle, almost all the proceeds will remain with the Parish. Raffle tickets are now being collected in preparation for the Draw. Please contact the Parish office to arrange a time to return any completed raffle books plus any outstanding monies.

### **LEADING A MISSIONARY PARISH**

The Archdiocesan *Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal* team invites you to a series of interactive sessions with global leaders in missionary parish renewal to be held over the coming weeks. Coming weeks have Fr James Mallon (Canada), and Bishop Nicholas Hudson (UK) as our guest speakers.

***These sessions are free however registration is essential via our online booking system: [www.trybooking.com/BKDAZ](http://www.trybooking.com/BKDAZ)***

### **ACBC NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING**

This online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. Offered as a **free event for registered participants**, this modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length, available from **Saturday 15th August 2020**. For more information about the program and to register from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, please go to [bit.ly/cm20event](http://bit.ly/cm20event)

## **A WORD FROM FATHER BRENDAN**

Let's stay connected and support each other....

Many family and friends are doing things to stay connected with one another during these days of COVID-19 restrictions. Friday night online-trivia is one example I saw recently. Pre-dinner family catch up via zoom is popular with some families.

There are many media that make it easy to send a text message or snap a photo and share or turn on a computer and have a conversation. You might like to share with us what you are doing to stay connected. It may be as simple as a phone call to a neighbour. Whatever it is we would love to hear from you.

Here are some ways that you might chose to stay in contact with us:

- \* Our weekly newsletter is now online. In the coming weeks we will be renewing our newsletter to enable you to more easily read and respond to our news via your computer or mobile device. We will be expanding our distribution list so make sure that those in your household or your friends who would like to receive our newsletter have their updated email details with the parish office.
- \* Our Eastern Central Catholic Parishes Facebook group is up and running with almost 30 people joining on day one. You might like to join in the discussions and exchanges that are happening on that site. This is a great opportunity to share your story, your life and your experiences and hopes for the life of our church.
- \* Each week you can find a number of liturgical offerings from our parish including our Online Mass, Spending Time with the Word and Children's Liturgy of the Word resources.
- \* You can leave a message on the contact us section of our website.
- \* You can simply ring the parish office and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

Keeping connected is so important at this time so let's all make that extra effort to stay in touch and look out for each other. And even when we are on our own we can pray over our guiding scripture passage each day:

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares  
the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to  
harm you, plans to give you hope and a future  
(Jeremiah 29:11)*

*Peace and blessings to you all*  
Fr Brendan

# Surrey Hills Wattle Park Parish

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 12 JULY 2020

### FIRST READING

*Wis 12:13.16-19*

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

There is no god, other than you,  
who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove  
that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in  
strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes  
you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when  
your sovereign power is  
questioned  
and you expose the insolence of  
those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength,  
you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great  
lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your  
power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a  
lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be  
kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the  
good hope  
that after sin you will grant  
repentance.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5*

**(R.) Lord, you are good and  
forgiving.**

1. O Lord, you are good and  
forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my  
voice. **(R.)**

2. All the nations shall come to  
adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do  
marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **(R.)**

3. But you, God of mercy and  
compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

*Rom 8:26-27*

*A reading from the letter of St  
Paul to the Romans*

The Spirit comes to help us in our  
weakness. For when we cannot  
choose words in order to pray  
properly, the Spirit himself  
expresses our plea in a way that  
could never be put into words,  
and God who knows everything in  
our hearts knows perfectly well  
what he means, and that the  
pleas of the saints expressed by  
the Spirit are according to the  
mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of  
heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*Mt 13:24-30*

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew*

Jesus put a parable before the  
crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven  
may be compared to a man who  
sowed good seed in his field.  
While everybody was asleep his  
enemy came, sowed darnel all  
among the wheat, and made off.  
When the new wheat sprouted  
and ripened, the darnel appeared  
as well. The owner's servants  
went to him and said, "Sir, was it  
not good seed that you sowed in  
your field? If so, where does the  
darnel come from?" "Some  
enemy has done this" he

answered. And the servants said,  
"Do you want us to go and weed  
it out?" But he said, "No, because  
when you weed out the darnel  
you might pull up the wheat with  
it. Let them both grow till the  
harvest; and at harvest time I  
shall say to the reapers: First  
collect the darnel and tie it in  
bundles to be burnt, then gather  
the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus  
Christ.**



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