

St Thomas the Apostle

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Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace to you as we continue to live in a time in which we are impacted by the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. It means that our Masses continue to be celebrated with a small number of people. We are encouraged by the words of St Paul who reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39), and at the same time we miss being able to gather as a parish to celebrate the Eucharist.

I am writing to let you know that next weekend of 4th & 5th July we will be celebrating the Feast of our parish patron, St Thomas the Apostle. From next weekend we will resume the celebration of Masses at the usual times, 6.00pm on Saturday, and 9.00am & 10.45am on Sunday.

The number of people who can attend each Mass will continue to be determined by the Victorian Government as we continue to live with the Covid 19 coronavirus. When that number has been lifted to 50 plus necessary volunteers for the liturgy and for cleaning, with the generous and faithful support of St Peter's College we will be able to return to our usual classrooms for Mass. I wish to acknowledge our ongoing gratitude to St Peter's College.

Parishioners will have to continue to register each time they wish to attend Mass and social distancing will continue to be in place. All those attending the 6.00pm and 10.45am Mass will be required to be in attendance at least 10 minutes before the commencement of Mass. Live streaming will continue at the 9.00am Mass with those attending that Mass required to arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass.

This now gives the opportunity for significantly more of our parishioners to attend Mass and importantly the opportunity for us to regather once again as a parish. **I encourage all parishioners to now start reconnecting with our parish by being present at Sunday Mass.**

The Registration forms can be received by contacting the parish office, and details about how to book for Mass on line using TryBooking can be found on our parish website and on our parish Facebook page..

May God bless you all,

Fr Denis O'Bryan PP