

## Parish Office

As a result of the pandemic, and in the interest of preserving a safe environment for our staff, we regret to advise that all contact needs to take place by phoning 4655 8797 or emailing [camden@dow.org.au](mailto:camden@dow.org.au).

## Funerals and Weddings

Following further announcements from the Prime Minister on Tuesday evening 24<sup>th</sup> March, Weddings can only be celebrated with a total of five people in the church. In ceremonies for funerals, ten people are permitted, including the celebrant.

## Baptisms

All baptisms are postponed until further notice unless those to be baptised are experiencing serious health issues or unless there are other genuine and urgent reasons. Please ring the parish office or, in the case of an emergency, 0409 742 105.

## Confirmation and Holy Communion

The other sacramental programmes that had been scheduled for this year – Confirmation and First Holy Communion – have also been postponed until further notice.

## Programme for the Sacrament of Penance (just completed)

Mementos can be collected from the parish office on Friday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

## Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Confession will be suspended during this time of pandemic. Physical and moral impossibility excuses a person from confession, in which case reconciliation may be attained by other means, for example an act of perfect contrition. (Canon 960) An act of perfect contrition can be made by saying these or similar words, “My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. I should love you above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

## Communion to the Sick

Unfortunately, communion to the aged, sick and house-bound at this time is no longer possible.

## General Information for our Parishioners

It is important for all our devoted parishioners to remain connected by regular referral to our parish website.

Please be mindful that it is possible to watch Pope Francis celebrate Holy Mass in the following way:

[shalomworld.org/live](http://shalomworld.org/live) or [shalomworld.org/dailymass](http://shalomworld.org/dailymass)

Daily Mass 10:00 AM. Replayed at 4.55 PM and 10:00 PM

## St Paul's Parish Private Mass ~ Live Streaming

Masses from our own church, celebrated by Father Michael and Father Joseph, will be available within a week or two. Please continue to check our website.

## Financial Offerings

Gratitude is extended to all our parishioners in the planned giving programme for their ongoing financial contributions. Many of our costs continue to apply even though Masses have been suspended.

Many thanks, especially, to those who contribute electronically, assuring that the parish will continue to have some income. Our many other faithful parishioners are kindly asked to seriously consider contributing electronically. That would be a great help. Three options:

1. On an ongoing monthly basis, please download the appropriate form according to the following link <https://www.stpaulscamden.org.au/assets/Uploads/Direct-Debit-Planned-Giving-form.pdf>
2. On line credit card payment <https://www.stpaulscamden.org.au/online-payments>
3. Direct deposit: Our bank details are:

BSB 066 711            Account 001761            Account Name: Camden Parish  
Reference:            Camden Church donation

Please be mindful that, in the absence of the first collections at Mass, the priests are now without income for food and stipends. There are financial reserves which will continue to provide support. Nonetheless, the situation is not sustainable indefinitely.

May we, at these most challenging times, become more closely united to Our Lord and to each other.