

*Diocese of Broken Bay Under the Pastoral Care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2008*

## 19 April 2020 - Second Sunday of Easter

**Following direction from the Government, all public masses are suspended until further notice. The Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has dispensed with the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. We invite you to join in Masses that are available online, as listed below, and to continue to pray from home.**

### **Mass Online:**

#### **Corpus Christi Mass Online.**

*There will be a blessing of The Divine Mercy Image and a Plenary Indulgence Prayer included in mass this weekend.*

**Sunday** mass will be available on Saturday afternoon.

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB1Oa3Tx-92DbCAZfy7NqwQ>**

Links to this YouTube channel will be available on our website and on our Facebook Account.



*“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” (Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners,

Look out for two of Jesus’ front-page headlines: PEACE and LIFE. Over and over again we hear in the Gospels that Jesus came to bring us peace and life. Peace can be overused; we might say, ‘Be quiet and give me some peace!’ But Jesus announces a peace that comes from a deep place and embraces all of creation. At Christmas the angels proclaimed peace for the whole earth. At Easter, Jesus’ first words are ‘Peace be with you.’ On an individual level, we can claim this peace for ourselves. Someone once shared a handy phrase to bring to mind in difficult situations: ‘Keep calm, Christ is risen!’ And on a communal level, we can invite God’s peace, God’s shalom, to heal our world’s divisions.

This is also Divine Mercy Sunday, when we recall God’s mercy revealed in Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. Rather than simply contemplating it, Jesus calls us to go and share his mercy with all who are in need. This truly brings *life* to both the giver and receiver. John’s Gospel concludes that believers will have life through the name of Jesus. Let us receive and share his gifts of peace and life today.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID-19

### Bishop Anthony's Homilies

Did you know, Bishop Anthony is now loading his homilies onto our Diocesan website (<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au>) for the community to read. This includes the homilies for the Easter services.

### LITURGY BRISBANE

Sunday Readings and Family Prayer Week by Week. The resources can also be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website at <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/Sunday-readings-and-family-prayer> and will be updated each week.

### LITURGY HELP

Liturgy Help is offering free individual and family prayer resources for Catholics in social isolation. Resources can be found at <https://www.liturgyhelp.com>

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office has now been closed, however our staff are still working from home.

Over the school holidays Tuesday 21 April to Friday 24 April the staff will be working from 9am - 12nn.

### POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO MARY DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O, Mary  
You always shine on our path  
As a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
Who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
Know what we need,  
And we are sure you will provide  
So that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
We may return to joy and to feasting  
After this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
To conform to the will of the Father  
And to do as we are told by Jesus,  
Who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
And carried our sorrows  
To lead us, through the cross,  
To the joy of the resurrection. Amen

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



#### Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

## Prayer Zone

**Anniversary:** Tim Cliff

### Please pray for the ill:

Bruce Wallace; Grace Cheah; Jan Davies;  
Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

***If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.***

### LOOKING AFTER OUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING COVID-19

Everyone is reacting differently to the COVID-19 outbreak. Many people are experiencing anxiety, stress, worry and a low mood. Others are feeling overwhelmed by the amount of information they are receiving and the constant media coverage about COVID-19.

The good news is that there are practical things we can do to improve our mental well-being during this challenging time. NSW Health is recommending we all do the following:

Stay connected. Keep in touch by phone, social media or video calls  
Keep moving. Exercise to relieve stress.  
Keep to a routine. Keep regular sleeping and eating patterns  
Switch off. Take a break from the news if it feels overwhelming  
Activate your support network or reach out for professional help.

Lifeline Australia: Call 13 11 14. Beyond Blue: Call 1300 22 4636.  
NSW Mental Health Line: Call 1800 011 511

### Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

### COVID-19 RESPONSE MUST INCLUDE EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY

In these extraordinary times, the Jesuit Refugee Service Australia has called on the Federal and State governments to extend a vital safety net to everyone living in the Australian community, regardless of their visa status.

*"Many of the people we work with already live precarious and uncertain lives, and do not have access to support payments, public or community housing, mental health services and even adequate food at the best of times,"* says JRS Australia Director, Carolina Gottardo.

*"In the space of two weeks, we have seen a 100% increase in demand for our services at JRS Australia's community centres in Western Sydney including for food, medicines and emergency relief. People are losing casual work, and are increasingly anxious about being able to pay rent, put food on the table, and buy essential medication."*

*"There are more than half a million women, children, and men in this country, including more than 50,000 people seeking protection, who are at serious risk of homelessness and destitution because they do not have access to any form of safety net if they lose jobs..."*

JRS Australia has released a preliminary discussion paper which outlines these impacts in more detail. The paper has been shared with key decision-makers and forms a key evidence base for a private letter which has been delivered to the Federal Government by more than 40 Catholic leaders - Bishops, Congregational heads, and CEOs of charities - this week.

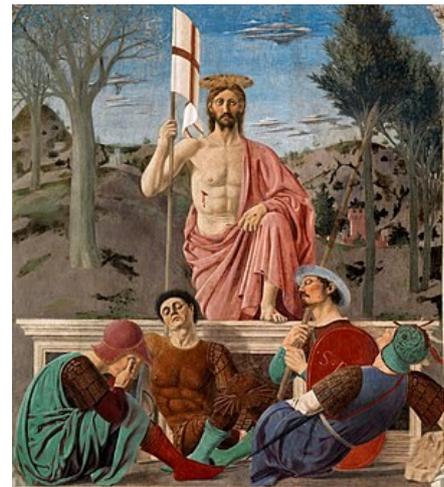
### A PLACE TO CALL HOME

The Emmaus Community in Perth is the subject of the documentary "A Place to Call Home" which premier's on ABC Compass this Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, at 6.30pm. The Emmaus Centre provides long- term accommodation for adults with mental health issues, where people can live independently with support and assistance, whilst sharing the same journey. In this inspiring documentary, Emmaus founder and musician, Brother Alan Archer, reveals his motivation for starting the centre.

## Art Space

### The Resurrection

As we continue to adapt to this "self-isolation" period of our lives, let us embrace the time that we have to savour the joy of Easter through our Art Space image this week. May the luminous colours of this artwork encourage you to reflect upon the Risen Christ and to take a moment to focus on what is in your heart.



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**Francesca's, The**

**Resurrection, 1463-5** is a

2.25m x 2m fresco in the

civic hall of Sansepolcro,

Italy. The town's name Sansepolcro literally means "Holy Sepulchre" the tomb that Christ was buried in. The image captures the moment that Jesus majestically steps out of a Roman sarcophagus in front of the guards depicted lying "as dead men" in the Gospel according to Matthew. Pausing in the moment, triumphal banner in hand, the serene Christ is the centre point between the divine and human spheres. The depiction of life and death is echoed in the landscape, where the trees on the left of Jesus appear as if dying. The guard's spear points our gaze to the trees to the right of Jesus which are full of life and indicate the divinity of the Risen Christ.

# The Word

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## First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v. 1  
(R.) *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

## Second Reading

From the letter of St Peter 1 Pt 1:3-9

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour.

You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

## Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.