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26 April 2020 –Third 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.

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.



*While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them.
(Gospel)*

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus accompanies us on our journey of life. That's an easy slogan, but the Emmaus story is the real example. It also parallels our experience every time we celebrate the Eucharist. In the beginning, the disciples go off course; they give up and leave the others in Jerusalem. Our lives are filled with such times of despair and misdirection. The Eucharist also begins by acknowledging our need for God in the Penitential Rite. Then Jesus meets us right where we are with loving presence, no matter who we are or what we have done. Both in today's Gospel and through the Liturgy of the Word, Jesus shares and explains the scriptures to us. We learn to see God's movements and wisdom through our lives, sometimes only in retrospect. Even then we may not be fully aware of the person of God present throughout. However, Jesus finally breaks the bread, sharing his life and nourishment for the journey. The Eucharist complete, we are sent out to be his hands and feet. Even when Jesus disappears, the disciples remember and bear witness. In our journeys, Jesus' presence is sometimes obvious or subtle. May we realise his loving companionship as we celebrate life eucharistically.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID-19

Bishop Anthony's Homilies

A live-stream mass celebrating ANZAC day will be held on Saturday 25 April at 9:30am. Watch on the YouTube channel of Hornsby Cathedral Parish. Bishop Anthony is now loading his homilies onto our Diocesan website (<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au>) for the community to read.

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

The Parish Office has now been closed, however our staff are still working from home, Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.

SATURDAY SESSIONS WITH KATIE

Fertility Awareness Education

Would you like to understand your fertility, or know how to manage your family naturally? Do you have fertility issues or know someone who does? Come along to find out how to effectively address these in a healthy and restorative way. This event is particularly suitable to engaged couples, married couples, single women and all who would like to know about natural fertility.

Presented by Fertilitycare practitioner Katie Fullilove. This session will be offered online as follows:

Date: Saturday, 2 May 2020

Time: 10:30am – 11:30am

For enquiries and to receive the Zoom link to join the meeting, please contact katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1631



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



Freedom from Addiction

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

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Bruce Wallace
Anniversary: Ruben Gabila

Please pray for the ill:

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.

Pentecost Pilgrimage

You are invited to join Catholics around the world to take part in the Global Virtual Pentecost Pilgrimage, commencing this Sunday 26 April.

Over 6-weeks, every Wednesday and Sunday, formative and prayerful videos from world renowned Catholic scholars and leaders will be released. Watch these with parishioners, family or friends or individually. The videos will focus on Sunday readings and the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and the world.

After viewing the video, time to reflect in small groups, using the Zoom platform, provides an opportunity to engage with one another as a faith community.

Speakers will include Biblical Scholar Dr Mary Healy and Dr Ralph Martin.

Register for FREE at

www.pentecostpilgrimage.com

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:

New Plan to Protect People With Disability From COVID-19

The Federal Government has unveiled a targeted plan to help manage and prevent the transmission of COVID-19 for people with disability. The plan looks at potential issues for people with disability, including reliance on close contact with carers and support workers, vulnerability to respiratory illnesses, and barriers to receiving health care.

Health Minister Greg Hunt said the strategy would save the lives of vulnerable people.

“Some people with disability are significantly more at risk of adverse health outcomes if they become infected with coronavirus than the general population – this plan will ensure our support is joined up for these at risk groups,” Hunt said.

Social Services Minister Anne Ruston added that everyone had a part to play in protecting the disability community from COVID-19. “All governments, the disability sector and the community play a role in minimising the risk of harm and protecting the rights of people with disability,” Ruston said. “This plan provides us with the framework to do this during the pandemic.”

The strategy has a strong focus on the rights of people with disability, with the expectation that people with disability receive the same standards of health care as others in the community during the crisis.

The government has also released Easy Read resources on COVID-19 which may be suitable for people with low literacy and people with disability. To access the resources go to: <https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers/information-and-referrals-for-people-with-disability-and-their-supporters-about-coronavirus-covid-19>

When this is over
May we never take for granted
A handshake with a stranger,
Full shelves at the store,
Conversations with neighbours,
A crowded theatre, a Friday night out,
The taste of communion, a routine check-up,
A school rush each morning, coffee with a friend.
A stadium roaring, each deep breath,
A boring Tuesday, life itself.
When this ends, may we find
we have become more like the people we wanted to be,
we were called to be, we hoped to be.
And may we stay that way – better for each other because of
the worse.

Laura Kelly Fanucci.



The Charitable Works Fund -Thank you for your continued connection

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

The CWF is still working by providing the funds to ensure our trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are available by mobile phone for those in hospitals in our Diocese. With restrictions on visitors, Pastoral Care Practitioners are needed more than ever for the patients, their families and the staff in the hospitals in our Diocese.

The CWF is still working by providing the funds to create online resources for students in public schools in our Diocese to receive Catholic Special Religious Education Classes. This vital ministry will assist parents at home continue the valuable faith formation to Catholic students in the public schools in our Diocese.

The CWF is still working by assisting St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College care for students with special needs who are still attending providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

The CWF works every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre. When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

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The Word

Sunday 26 April 2020: Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading

From the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades. On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) *Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Peter 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home.

Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.