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FORTH SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A

21st / 22nd MARCH 2020

TO THE PASTORS AND PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

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The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

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or [CLICK HERE](#) for the Podcast

of the Forth Sunday of Lent Year A liturgy
Faith, Hope and Love

Sacred Heart

50 Fairway Drive,
Clear Island Waters

St Vincent's

40 Hamilton Avenue,
Surfers Paradise

Stella Maris

254 Hedges Avenue,
Broadbeach

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Peter Dillon

Parish Priest

Fr Paul Kelly

Associate Pastor

PARISH STAFF

Sonya Slater

Parish Manager

Marylou Ayres

Parish Secretary

Pat Kelly

Parish Assistant

Cathy Anderson

Sacramental Coordinator

SCHOOLS

St Vincent's

Clear Island Waters

Ph: 5572 1746

P: Kerry Rowlands

St Kevin's

Benowa

Ph: 5539 4522

P: Peter Anderson

St Kevin's Kindergarten

Benowa

Ph: 5564 5910

Director: Michelle Nelson

St Michael's College

Merrimac

Ph: 5530 2722

P: Anthony Elmore

“The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm.”

As a Parish Community we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.

SUNDAY READINGS

THIS WEEK: (4th Sunday of Lent) 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

NEXT WEEK: (5th Sunday of Lent) Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Romans 8: 8-11; John 11: 1-45

DONATIONS during the Coronavirus pandemic

Given the uncertainty of the situation we ask you, at this time, to prayerfully consider making weekly or monthly donations to your parish via internet banking. The cost of running our large parish consumes almost 100 percent of the regular weekly collection. As our masses are indefinitely suspended, this will place our parish in a very difficult position financially.

Our appeal to you, is if you have been blessed with the resources to give to the parish at this time, please consider donating regularly. Our parish has been incredibly supported by its very generous parishioners over the years and this is a time where your prayerful and financial support is most in need. The internet bank details are:

If you have any enquiries or wish to join a direct debit planned giving please contact the Parish for the required forms.

Yours faithfully,

Sonya Slater, Parish Manager

Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish
Commonwealth Bank: BSB 064-786
Account: 007331103
Reference: use your name

PRAYER OFFERING FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

May the God to whom we turn in this moment listen to the pleading of our heart and answer as he has so often before, so that love may come from fear, hope from despair and joy from sorrow:

Almighty and all-merciful God,
Lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.
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We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.
We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.
This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts,
we gather now and pray
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Tom Gillooly, Savannah Ayoub, Lisa Mangan, Colin Virtue, Ann Harris, Ann-Marie Loder, Margaret Maunsell, Angel Salvador, Brian Woodgate, Kate Smith, Tricia Baumann, Gus Reeves, Baby Maeve Lombard, Kathy Kiely, Brian Ellsmore, Greg Sharah, Rachel Raines, Sr. Christine Chia, Kurt and Betty Hilleshiem, Judy Ferraro, Jim Daly, Tony McLeod, Ron Perry, Kim Parkes, Rosslyn Wallis, Jabour Haddad, Yvonne Lofthouse, Maureen Murphy, Helen Bohringer, Peter Walsh, Frank Conway, Arthur Haddad, Jean Di Benedetto, Damian Callinan, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne Campesi, Louis Couch, Steve Wayt, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Joanne Parkes, Peter O'Brien, Michelle MacDonald, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr, Eileen McCarthy.

ANNIVERSARY: Bernadette Bartley, Annunziata Moralito, Halam and Amelia Japow, Peter Schreck.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Geoghegan, Giovanni Scalcione, Giorgia Micallef-Vinall, Fr Peter Conroy (former PP of Yeronga), Sunta Camilieri (Malta), Manuel Dos Santos, Norman Loong, Frank Maunder, Dr Gavin Carroll, Margaret Maunsell, Norah Horgan, Brenda Sinnott.

STAYING IN CONTACT WITH THE PARISH

During these uncertain times, please stay updated by checking our website (www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au); reading Fr Paul's [blog](#); following [Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish](#) on Facebook or; contacting the parish on 55725433 or via email (surfers@bne.catholic.net.au). You are able to listen to Fr Paul Kelly's homily by [clicking here](#), the Podcast [here](#), or reading his [blog](#). To view the live webcast of Sunday Mass streamed from St Stephen's Cathedral [click here](#). To view the webcast on demand please [click here](#). A daily mass is also offered at Word on Fire, to view [click here](#). Ongoing Surfers Paradise Parish updates will be sent via email to addresses provided through our recent Parish Census. If you have not previously provided the Parish with your contact information, you can fill out the Parish registration form on the website [here](#) or please email us at surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

Please pass on any information to Parishioners whom you think may not have access to these communication forms. We encourage our faith community to stay connected, aware and supportive of each other through prayer and action.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK



Beginning their faith journey through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome and give thanks for: **Charlie Andrew Hare** and **Hugo James Finucan**. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Recently born to Eternal Life and received into God's tender care is **Giorgia Micallef-Vinall**, **Michael Geoghegan**, and **Giovanni Scalcione**. Please keep these families in your prayers.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Thurs **26 March** meeting **cancelled**. Meetings are now in recess until further notice. P: Leona on 5531 5913

ANOINTINGS & COMMUNION TO NURSING HOMES

Anointing Mass is now **suspended** until further notice. Communion and anointing to nursing homes also **suspended**.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Pat and Maxine Sela of Broadbeach for the week commencing **23rd March**. If you would like to take part in Our Lady's Rosary please contact Pat & Maxine Sela on 5539 9539.

ST VINCENT'S ADORATION

Adoration at St Vincent's Church on a Thurs morning has been suspended until further notice. There will be **NO** Adoration prior to Mass on Monday and Friday's. The Church will open at 6:15am in readiness for the Mon & Fri Mass at 7am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ATTENTION

Young Adults & High School Seniors

We are looking for young people to take up the various acting and speaking parts for the **Good Friday Stations of the Cross** at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, on **Friday 10th April** at 10am. **(At this stage, this service will be going ahead - please be aware that this may change).**

For more information please ring or text 0409486326 or email robbynhunt1@bigpond.com

You will be need to be available for:

Auditions **Sat 21/03**, 3pm

Practice **Sat 28/03** & **Sat 04/04**, 3pm

The service **Fri 10/04**, 10am

THE PARISH LIBRARY NEWS

After consultation with the parish administration, it has been decided to **close the parish library until after Easter**. As the Covid-19 situation evolves this arrangement might be modified. However, access to the library can be arranged during parish office hours by borrowing the key from reception and following the instructions on tag regarding borrowing books. Take a journey around the shelves and check out the books on display that have been selected for Lent. A feature of every Lent is The Stations of The Cross and we have a varied selection on display available to borrow.

Lent is a special time for prayerful reflections. **Salt** is a beautifully illustrated book that features a simple text beside an image, utilised as a springboard into prayerful conversations. Among the personal development section is Joyce Rupp's, **Open the Door**. She explores the symbol of a door as a way to search for your spiritual growth and authentic union with God.

YOGA - Come and join a friendly yoga class!

Feel the benefit of better flexibility, less stress, more mobility, better balance, all in a gentle atmosphere. Deep breathing, stretches, easy postures, followed by relaxation/meditation. Yoga is a balance of mind, body and spirit. Tuesday's 10:45-11:45am, \$10 every class. Wear comfortable clothing. Ruth is an experienced accredited instructor. Ph: 0421338110

RCIA & Lenten Program – Be Opened to see

Let us use the Lenten Program to reflect on being open to see. How do you see and respond to the needs of others? Allow yourselves to be opened to see Jesus in those around you, those who are weak and vulnerable, those who are lonely, those who are scared. Take this occasion for God's glory to be shown when Jesus enables us to see truly for the first time. Be a part of our prayer, reflection and instruction days/nights that are offered Wed 6-9pm & Sat 10:30am-1:30pm. You are invited to come along to either of the offerings.

Be Opened... to believe | Sacraments of Anointing & Forgiveness : **Wed 25/03** or **Sat 28/03**

Be Opened... to death | Social Justice & Care of the Planet: **Wed 01/04** or **Sat 04/04**

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 23rd March	TUESDAY 24th March	WEDNESDAY 25th March	THURSDAY 26th March	FRIDAY 27th March	SATURDAY 28th March Reconciliation
7am St.Vincent's	9am Sacred Heart Anointing Mass (in recess)	9am Stella Maris	9am Stella Maris	7am St.Vincent's 9am Sacred Heart	By Appointment Only
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	Stella Maris Church: Saturday Vigil: SUSPENDED		Sunday SUSPENDED		
	Sacred Heart Saturday Vigil: SUSPENDED		Sunday SUSPENDED		
	St.Vincent's Church: Saturday Vigil: SUSPENDED		Sunday SUSPENDED		

MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS:

POLISH

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Ph: 3252 2200 for inquiries

ITALIAN

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Fr Angelo Cagna CS 0423 648 736

Ph: Connie 5575 8882 (Pastoral Support & General Information)

FILIPINO

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Guardian Angels Church

Scarborough St, Southport

Ph: MaryAnn Boehme 0416 331 233

HISPANIC

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Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481118521

E: paterignacio@yahoo.com

MARONITE RITE

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Ph: 3394 4994

C/- St Maroun's Parish, Greenslopes

E: brisbane@maronite.org.au

PARISH MINISTRIES & SERVICES

BAPTISMS	Ph: Parish Office 5572 5433 to register interest
WEDDINGS	The Catholic Church requires 6 months notice. Ph: Parish Office 5572 5433 for enquires
CARE & CONCERN	Medical Transport Ph: 0474 211 908
BENEDICTION	St Vincent's Church 3rd Apr 7:30am (1st Fri month)
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Suspended until further notice
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION	Tuesday 10am Ph: Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703 (6pm in recess until further notice)
CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY	PHC 10:30am Easter Sunday 12th April Ph: Norm Harding 0421 125 575
EXPOSITION	St Vincent's Church: SUSPENDED Sacred Heart Church: Tues 9:30am; Fri 7pm-9pm only
ROSARY	St Vincent's Church Mon & Fri 6:25am Sacred Heart Church Tues & Fri 8:25am Stella Maris Church Wed 8:25am

COUPLES FOR CHRIST FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY & LIFE

Butch 0424 583 169 or Mini 0424 583 168

PARISH GROUPS

ART & CRAFT	Suspended until further notice
BOOK CLUB	12noon (21st April) Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC)
BRIDGE	Mondays 12Noon PHC Wednesday 12:30pm PHC
CHOIR PRACTICE	Suspended until further notice
ANOINTING MASS & SPCL	Suspended until further notice
SENIORS EXERCISE	<i>Exercise to music.</i> Tuesday 9am Casey Hall (\$8 per session) Ph: Rochelle 0438 333 308
YOGA	Tuesday 10:45am (\$10 per session)
ZUMBA GOLD	Friday 9:15am Casey Hall (\$12 a session - Beginners & Intermediate) Ph: Susana 0421 607 397
MARIAN VALLEY	Ph: Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 & Madeline 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573

For more Parish Groups and Ministries please visit our website

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PARISH REGISTER FORM - Place completed form in collection plate or contact the Parish office (surfers@bne.catholic.net.au)

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW? _____

I am interested in commencing a parish planned giving program





THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

19 March 2020
Solemnity of St Joseph

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