



E-Newsletter 11th Edition Sunday, June 14, 2020

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Year A

Readings for the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Response: Psalm 69:8-10, 14+17, 33-35. "Praise the Lord Jerusalem"

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 15:26b-27a). Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living Bread from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

GOSPEL: John 6: 51-58

"The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ"



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THE PASTOR'S POST

A regular parishioner commented to me during the week that they had become so used to hearing and viewing Mass on television that they weren't sure they needed to come back to Church after the restrictions were lifted. If she was looking for a response from me she certainly got one. In fact I may have to apologise to her at a later date for a few of my comments, since she was just making an observation that I have heard a few times lately. People are simply trying to adapt to new circumstances and decide how they will live post-pandemic, which is starting to become a foreseeable reality, at least here in the 'lucky country'. In the age of magical technology it is understandable that people are finding creative ways to experience the connections that previously had face to face, but no media I have ever seen will ever be able to fully replicate the motion and reality that comes with flesh and blood.

It's interesting how it takes just a short time to make changes in our lives, particularly when we think that we have got our lives just where we want them and nothing will make us alter our set patterns. I've

surprised myself with how well I've managed with not visiting, shopping, eating out etc. If truth be told,(and it always should be) there are several restrictions I could keep for a while longer and not feel disadvantaged. Still, me staying at home and enjoying my own company is not the job I signed up for and certainly not the way our society and economy works. For that matter, it's not the way our church community works either. Having a lot of time spent in your own company does dull you to the social needs of others, and even those who spend their lives in contemplative religious orders will tell you of the importance of connections with others. Solitude really only makes sense when we know what richness can be found in relationships.

Contrary to some speculation, I think that more people that we expect will wish to return to Church in much the same way as they have following similar catastrophic events, like 9/11 and natural disasters. In times of loss and tragedy, human need to connect with someone is enormously powerful. During the time of lockdown many people have dared ask themselves the question: "Am I where I want to be?" While many of us have had a chance to consider what we can live without, there are many others who have realised that after a long absence they feel a larger need to connect with faith people, not just their usual secular acquaintances. They have felt "a need to come home".

And coming home is what faith is all about. It's where that stable, fundamental human need for care and comfort is met, where we hope there is someone who will never tire in caring for me, never cease to comfort me, someone who is home for me. Because when I believe that I am cared for and about, then I can believe I have meaning. It means that even though I might not understand what is happening, caring tells me that I count, and I want to count, I need to count. To me and my world I have meaning, a meaning that does need to be validated by others.

The comfort that we all seek also implies worth and worthiness. This need we have tells us that beneath our limitations and stupidities and sins, my church community tells me that I am not there all on my own, because those around me are not judging me, but identifying with me as a fellow traveller.

Now if we don't immediately experience that within the congregation, then we should first learn to experience it in our relationship with God. Get comfortable again with the ways God shows care and comfort. Learn what it is like to receive and to offer such care. It could be that we have only had ourselves to care about for the past few months and now we need to push out again into the deep.

Of course, I will be disappointed if people don't return in the large numbers we have experienced in this parish prior to the March lockdown. Disappointed, not because I will need to be a genuine jobseeker, but more because we have forgotten that our Church is not a house so much as a home, and a home only has purpose when it has people. People who care more for the needs of others than they do for their own, and when you press faith and home together you get church.

Fr Peter Dillon PP.

Note on Masses

The weekday masses with limited numbers have been filled for the next two weeks. We will reassess the next step for the weeks after that, and announce the processes in two week blocks, very soon. At the moment, Sunday masses remain suspended and are accessible via our podcast. Thank you for your ongoing patience.

Merrimac welcomes Star of the Sea School for a new generation

THE Gold Coast's newest Catholic primary school at Merrimac will be named Star of the Sea School, reviving memories of one of the area's popular former schools.

The new Star of the Sea primary school is planned to open in 2022 with an initial intake of students from Prep to Year 2. An extra year level will be added each year until 2026. The school is master-planned to accommodate approximately 550 students.

Brisbane Catholic Education Executive Director Pam Betts said the school at 16 Ghilgai Rd had already received strong interest from the local community.

"Brisbane Catholic Education continues to open new schools across the wider Gold Coast region and we remain committed to providing high quality and affordable Catholic schooling for young families in Merrimac and surrounding areas," Miss Betts said.

"We look forward to working with members of the local parish, community representatives and families to create a caring and inclusive new school at Star of the Sea, which will welcome all those who share our values."

The former Star of the Sea secondary school on the Gold Coast was run by the Mercy Sisters from 1899 until its closure in 1990. The school and its grand convent building were a feature of Southport early in the 20th century.

Our Lady, Star of the Sea is an ancient title for the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ. The title emphasises Mary's role as a sign of hope and as a guiding star for Christians, especially those who travel or seek their livelihoods on the sea. Her Feast Day is celebrated on September 27.

The Latin translation of Star of the Sea is Stella Maris – the name adopted by the Broadbeach Catholic Church. The new Star of the Sea will be the fourth Catholic school in the Surfers Paradise parish, which provides pastoral support to each school. Archbishop Mark Coleridge has endorsed the name of the new school.

Expressions of interest for Star of the Sea's first classes will be available on the Brisbane Catholic Education website from Monday 15 June 2020.

Brisbane Catholic Education will expand to 144 schools next year when secondary schools open at Sophia College at Plainland and San Damiano College at Yarrabilba.

HAVE YOU PLANNED TO GIVE TO YOUR PARISH? A Message from Fr Peter

Dear Parishioner,

I have hesitated from sending this letter knowing that you, like everyone else, have been dealing with the impact of the pandemic and the uncertainties it has thrust upon us. I now find it necessary to ask for your assistance in meeting the ongoing financial commitments of the parish. The very thought of asking people to give makes me feel uneasy, knowing that these can be lean times for many of you.

So I prayed and opened the daily Mass readings and there in scripture was the answer to how I might appeal to you with love and gratitude.

Tuesday's first reading was 1 Kings 17: 7-16. It is the passage where Elijah the prophet was living by a stream. There is drought over the whole land. This was the place God had previously told him to stay, but the stream dried up. He is faced with a dilemma.

This dilemma is an image of our parish and its empty buildings at this time in history; a dry and eerily-empty environment; a place of worship closed by the unheralded impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a contributing member of our parish I need to let you know that financially, our parish has taken a \$90,000 loss in contributions since lockdown started in March. With no Easter crowds, and the resulting collections to boost it, it is like a stream without water.

It is true that some people have already given through their commitment to Planned Giving Direct Debit and others have called to say they are keeping their envelopes until they can bring them when they return to Mass. I am truly grateful to these people who have understood that contributing to the Parish is not just something we do when we come to Mass. A financial contribution to the Parish is not paying for service, but an acknowledgment that we are participants in the operation of parish life in all its activities. But the reality remains that the Parish has taken a substantial financial hit and until we return to full operation, the loss will only increase.

To continue with the scriptural reference, it tells us that God instructs Elijah to move to another place and there he will find a widow who will give him food. Why would God tell Elijah to ask a poor widow to feed him? Why wouldn't God just give the prophet what he needed? Again, I believe this is how God is working in our parish and in the way we collectively are asked to contribute. God does not tell Elijah to go to the richest person in the town and say to that person, "you can afford to give."

Again why would God choose this poor woman with a dependent son? These unprecedented times, when the doors of our churches are closed, have deeply cost the parish and with this need, God might stir in those who can afford it to give generously. It is not asking exclusively, but inclusively of everyone to help in a way that is both reasonable and responsible.

There is a lesson of trust and fruitfulness. This scripture ends with God providing in abundance from the small jars of meal and oil; they never run dry. Incredibly they remain constantly replenished.

We know that God could have given Elijah what he needed and that could have been the end of the story... But no, God wanted the small gift from the widow (her small meal and oil) to be the first fruits from which God would then provide. He waits for our contribution to add to his power to provide the abundance.

Is this a lesson for us in this Pandemic? What are our first fruits? What are we giving to God that he can add to.....to bring abundance? This is what God is asking of all of us in our parish today. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Parish faces a large financial deficit. However, God shows us in scripture today that this can be rectified. We need to do what we can to provide our first fruits. These personal contributions combined with others will provide the steps to recovery and God will do the rest.

It is a known fact that our parish has come together to share in the abundance many times. We are proud of our generous tradition of giving in times of need. We have supported many projects over the years, built churches as recently as Stella Maris, five years ago. This was an incredible experience for those involved; when a parish community came together to financially make it possible for the building to be built debt free.

Today, I ask you to help by giving what you can to set our Parish back on the path of fruitfulness. God will bless our gifts.

How will COVID-19 pandemic change the way we financially contribute to the Parish?

When weekend masses eventually fully resume will some restrictions remain? However, until then, due to the present restrictions, the 1st and 2nd Collections will be replaced with a collection point for cash/cheque/planned giving envelopes near the altar. You will be reminded at Mass to place your contributions there before or after Mass.

What follows are some ways for you to contribute. These options are in order of preference which relate to the administration load for each contribution option.

1. Direct Debit (The most preferred parish option)

The Covid-19 pandemic has shown the Parish that the sure and certain way to give without interruption is by Direct Debit. I strongly encourage you to consider this option. Unlike Credit Card giving, Direct Debit comes from your account directly to the Parish account. There is no need to update details when a new card arrives or the hassle of filling in forms every couple of years. A Direct Debit continues to roll smoothly. It is the least amount of work for Parish administration. The parish provides you with an annual receipt. A form is attached.

2. Parish Giving App <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/login>

This is a secure way to give by Credit Card. It can be set up as a recurring weekly or monthly gift. Once you have set up the app it will generate a receipt by email.

3. Planned Giving Envelopes

The Parish is about to order the annual planned giving envelopes. Can you please let the Parish know, as soon as possible, if you would prefer to change to Direct Debit? The cost to the Parish is approximately \$6 per set and we have reduced these envelopes to 160 sets. This has been the most popular means of giving. However if you wish, you could use a regular/plain envelope and allocate an amount to first and second with your name on the envelope. Remember, as you return to Mass, you will need to place your envelopes (before or after mass) at the collection point near the altar.

4. EFTPOS facility available

The Parish has organised EFTPOS for their piety shops and you will be able to contribute at the facility before or after mass. Upon request a receipt can be provided.

5. Cash/Cheque donations

Due to Covid-19 cash has been restricted in many locations and tap and go is the preferred option. The parish recognises that this will be the preferred way of giving for many. Cash donations will still work for the Parish and we understand. However, we encourage you in faith to consider Direct Debit.

6. Direct Credit

Upon request a form will be provided by the Parish. This function could be replaced by the Parish Giving App, where possible. This relies on heavier Parish administration. It is the least preferred way to give.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to being able to thank you personally when we are able to return to parish life as we have known it is the past.

Fr Peter Dillon, Parish Priest

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



God.

Hungry hearts are all around us. Those mourning the loss of a loved one, those in need of a job, people desperate for solid advice, people unable to curb an addiction, those who are angry and bitter, people who feel unforgiven or unforgiving. Those in poor health, or people worried about finances, or unhappy in a relationship, and people who are unsure of their commitments, or being too hard on themselves, and people who are afraid of the world around them, ...The list goes on and on.

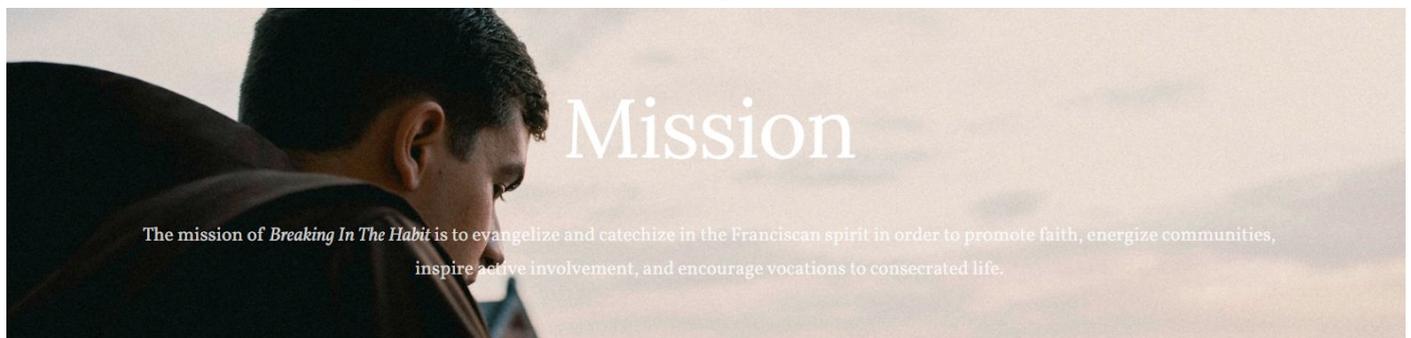
These are the people Jesus offers to feed— Jesus offers us himself – real food for our lifelong journey. And he offers us his word and his vision of the Kingdom, real nourishment for the values that will completely transform us and satisfy us. He promises to be with us in the ups and downs of life – He who is with us, our faithful and loving

Fr. Paul Kelly

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SO MANY WONDERFUL RESOURCES FOR FAITH FORMATION

If you are looking for an excellent series of reflections and talks on all sorts of topics about Faith, the world around us, the challenges that present us, then young Franciscan priest Casey Cole has lots of really interesting articles and videos. A parishioner recently came across his work and by coincidence I also have discovered these fascinating talks. Lots of food for thought.



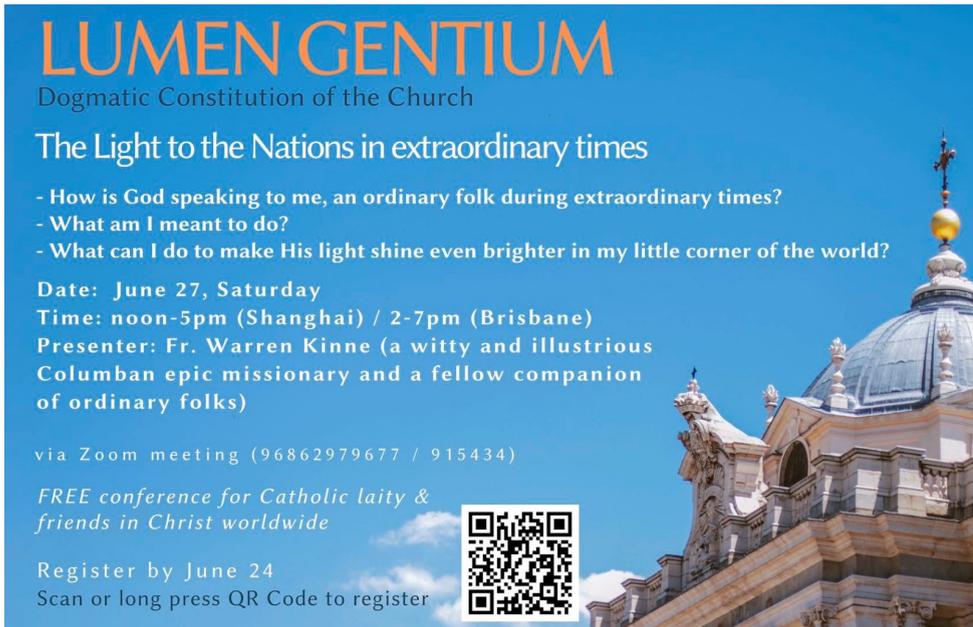
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDcdVPVsJRxAVKq4vY0NYeg>

Also available on **Social Media:**

Blog: <https://goo.gl/QuB4ra> | Facebook: <https://goo.gl/UoeKWY> | Twitter: <https://goo.gl/oQs6ck>

Instagram: <https://goo.gl/ShMbHh> | Podcast: <https://goo.gl/xqkssG>

FR WARREN ONLINE SEMINAR



LUMEN GENTIUM
Dogmatic Constitution of the Church

The Light to the Nations in extraordinary times

- How is God speaking to me, an ordinary folk during extraordinary times?
- What am I meant to do?
- What can I do to make His light shine even brighter in my little corner of the world?

Date: June 27, Saturday
Time: noon-5pm (Shanghai) / 2-7pm (Brisbane)
Presenter: Fr. Warren Kinne (a witty and illustrious Columban epic missionary and a fellow companion of ordinary folks)

via Zoom meeting (96862979677 / 915434)

FREE conference for Catholic laity & friends in Christ worldwide

Register by June 24
Scan or long press QR Code to register

Some expats in Shanghai requested Fr Warren to run a seminar on Zoom on Saturday 27th in the afternoon/early evening. They were also keen for Fr Warren to invite parishioners to tune in. The topic is “Lumen Gentium” (Light for the Nations) during Extraordinary times.

To Register, scan (or long press) QR code in the picture above. (or click this link <http://olar31b4ge1we228.mikecrm.com/3zsVukm>). Registrations must be by June 24.

Find out about:

- How is God speaking to me here, ordinary folk who sit in the pew?
- What am I meant to do?
- What can I do to make His light shine even brighter in my little corner of the world?
- Lumenlaity in response to Vatican Council II’s call in Lumen Gentium.

Speaker: Fr. Warren Kinne

Date: Sat, June 27

Time: 10am-3:15pm (Queensland Time) 9S

10 am -10:15am Opening Song & Prayer

10:15am-10:45am(30mins)

Talk 1:

(Chapter 1

- The Mystery of the Church + ...

10:45am-11:15am

Break out Room (Discussion 1)

11:15am-11:30am Coffee / Break/Reflection/Journaling/Q&A

11:30am-11:40am Song 2

11:40am-12:10pm Talk 2

(Chapter 2: The People of God +...)

12:10pm-12:40pm Break out Room (Discussion 2)

12:40pm-12:55pm Coffee/Journaling/Reflection/Q&A

12:55pm-1:10pm Prayers/Reflection

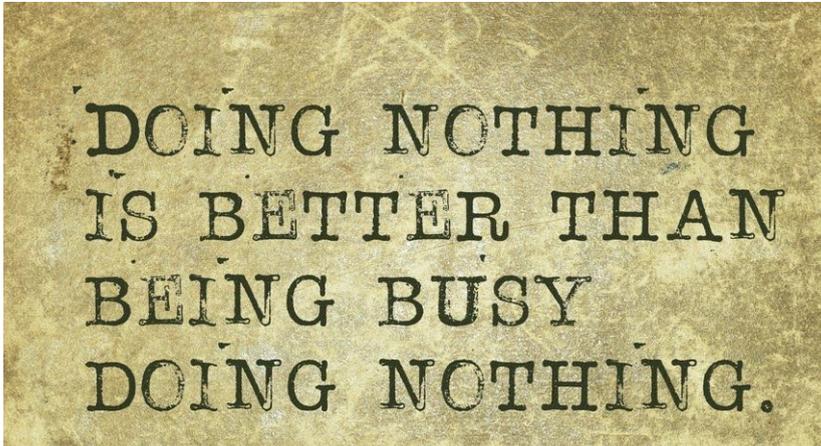
1:10pm-1:40pm Talk 3 (Round up) & Video (Columban Missionary)

1:40pm-2:10pm Final Discussion/Call to Action/Closing)

2:10pm Break / Preparation for Mass

2:15pm-3:15pm Mass/Send Forth

OUR CHRISTIAN VOCATION



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Here is a bit of trivia for you. An American man by the name of Roy Roberts Smith holds a very strange world record.. By the age of thirty-six Roy had never tasted ice-cream, or soft drinks, coca-cola, ginger-ale, had never tasted wine, beer or whiskey, never touched tobacco in any form, never gone swimming, never gone hunting, never gone fishing, hiking, or ice-skating, never played football, basketball, pool, never played card games, baseball, tennis, golf, hockey or polo, never pitched horseshoes, had never driven a car or ridden a bicycle, motorcycle or horse, never seen any earthquake, flood or cyclone, never witnessed a fatal accident, had never seen a race of any kind, never been inside a pub, never been struck by lightning, and never been bitten by any kind of animal, reptile or poisonous insect, never shot a gun, rifle or pistol, never been robbed or burglarised, never been on board a boat, never ridden in a balloon or airplane, never milked a cow or goat, never been underground in a cave or mine, never joined a club, lodge or church or any organization; never seen a bullfight or duel, never been in a sawmill, granary or foundry, never studied a foreign language, never been convicted of a crime, never fainted, never been inside a jail, never been a patient in a hospital or sanitorium, never kissed anyone and had never been engaged to marry.

I found this extremely mystifying list of non-achievements in a book years ago. It might have been the Guinness Book of Records or Ripley's Believe-it-or-Not Almanac. Whatever the source, this list raises so many more questions than it answers!

This piece of odd trivia raises two questions in my mind. Firstly, what strange assortment of things to have "never done" ! How did the records book work out that he had never done these things and what was the reason for never having done any of those things? The record book rather maddeningly does not go on to explain why he had not done any of these things and how this came to be known. More importantly, is there anything he **HAD** done? Fancy being famous for the things you have not achieved!

At the end of my life, I don't think I would like to roll up to the gates of Heaven and present God with only a list of all the things I HAVEN'T done, as my sole credentials. Surely the Lord is more interested in the positive things we have done, than just what we didn't do.

It raises a problem that Our Lord was struggling against in his earthly ministry. The lawmakers and law keepers seemed to be more interested in what people couldn't do than what they should or could be doing in response to life's real problems. It would be equivalent to a person saying "I have kept all ten commandments. Wherever it said.. "thou shalt not, I didst not!!" but, it could be replied: "yes, but you actually didn't Do anything else either!! Surely our Christian faith is also (and primarily) about positive actions as well as refraining from negative acts.

Whilst it IS true that the ten commandments feature a list of some do's and quite a lot of don'ts, Jesus point in the gospel this weekend makes it clear that the sins he has reserved most criticism for, are actions, things done, not things not done.

The law makers in Jesus' time focused too much on appearances.. on outward actions, whilst ignoring the inner realities of their attitudes and hypocrisy.. Focusing more on what one should refrain from doing than inner growth and nurturing constructive attitudes and loving responses towards others. There is a certain safety in refraining from doing things, and avoiding things. It is possible to make sure we never get hurt or hurt others by avoiding any meaningful engagement with them. We might be able to prevent getting disappointed by others. If we don't want a complicated life, we could achieve this by refusing to love. Christ shows us that loving means opening up our hearts to the possibility of pain. Jesus calls us to the vocation of being loving people, and that is a vocation that involves heroism.

The final criticism of the law, in Jesus time, is that it had become an end in itself. The law did not seem to exist for humans, but humans seemed to have become slaves to the observance of the law for its own sake. Jesus corrected the error. It is possible to go through life seeming righteous and appearing to observe the letter of the law, but at the cost of never risking anything, never getting one's hands dirty and never really doing anything, and replacing compassion and love with hardness of heart and negativity.

In response to that, we see Our Lord giving everything of himself and engaging fully in the challenges of life, to respond to genuine human need.

Fr Paul

GOSPEL RESOURCES - Trinity: Readings, Commentaries, & Prayers

In preparation for Trinity. Year A. The resources can be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website and will be updated each week.

[Sunday Readings: Read at Home](#)

In these unique times where our Sunday Masses have been suspended, you may wish to read the Sunday readings and associated commentaries at home.

[Family Prayer: Week by Week](#)

This resource is designed for families with young children and has been a joint endeavour of Liturgy Brisbane and Evangelisation Brisbane. An extract from the Sunday gospel is provided, along with some reflection questions, family activities and a worksheet for children.

CARITAS PRAYER DURING TIME OF COVID-19

Caritas Australia Prayer for the COVID-19

May we who are experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia and are coming to terms with a new reality, remember the words of scripture: "Be still and know that I am God".

May we as adults, struggling to process what is happening in our world, remember children who are fearful of a reality they cannot comprehend.

May we who complain about the scarcity of commodities, remember those who are working to maintain the supply chain.

May we who observe the long queues of those seeking support, remember those for whom there is no government assistance or financial aid.

May we who rely on essential services, especially those in the medical profession, remember all those working on the front line.

May we who work to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity, remember those living and working in vulnerable communities.

May we who are working from home, remember those who have no employment or home from which to work.

May we who have access to medical facilities and services, remember those who do not have basic health care.

May we who are beginning to experience border closures, remember refugees who cannot return home.

May we give thanks for those who are working to help or bring some kindness, joy or humour to others, showing us the light of Christ's life.

During this time of isolation as we close our doors, may we continue to keep our hearts open to our family, friends, local and global communities.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

ST JOHN'S CRISIS CENTRE - "A HAND UP NOT A HAND OUT"

Serving the Surfers community for over 38 years, assists people in emergency or crisis situations, including families with young children.

Presently they see between 40-80 people daily providing takeaway meals consisting of a main meal, dessert, sandwiches and fruit to clients seeking emergency relief, from their Hamilton Ave front door, next to St Vincent's Church. Last week the centre participated in 76 telephone interviews for clients seeking emergency relief.

The Crisis Centre is a "Stand Alone Not for Profit Charity", who rely on community donations, their own fundraising and government grants to survive. They are not funded by the Anglican Diocese. Recently they were awarded a \$2000 grant by the 'Community Benefit Fund' towards a new telephone system. The 'Ecstra Foundation' has awarded a grant to cover the cost of the upgrade of their software/database which will mean a far better way to manage and maintain client's details and confidentiality. The local member of Parliament Angie Bell has granted St Johns \$5000 towards volunteer training and a handbook.

To contact the Crisis Centre phone: 55316013, website: <https://stjohnscc.org.au/> Social Media:

www.facebook.com/groups/winterbackpacks

RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP

Remember that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks and keep on smiling because it makes everyone wonder what you have been up to.

The Solemnity of the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** recalls Christ's love for all of us and is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost which falls this Friday 19th June. The Memorial of the **Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will be celebrated on Saturday 20th June.

The Religious Goods Shops have many devotional items such as statues, chaplets, rosary beads, medals, and holy cards remembering the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sacred Heart of Mary.

For enquiries please ring 0404 805819

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The Catholic Leader dated 14th June 2020 digital edition is now available [here](#). Access to previous digital editions also available here: <https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>. The flipbook is downloadable in PDF and printable. First, enter full-screen mode by clicking the 'full-screen' button in the centre of the pages. Using the icons above the newspaper, you can select print or download. Alternatively, you can visit the website: <https://catholicleader.com.au/>

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our faith sustains us through challenging times. Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support the Parish during this time of isolation, you can give via <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



We will continue to serve you through online resources and webcasts. If you are able to continue to support us, we would be most grateful. For all those who have been making payments via credit card and those who have donated directly into the parish account, we thank you. The spirit of generosity is alive in our parish. If you would like confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed to you please contact me at

manager.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

Yours faithfully, **Sonya Slater, Parish Manager**

STAYING CONNECTED AND RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AT HOME

Home Resources:

You can visit the [Stay Connected](#) page on our website to find an extensive list of information and resources to help during these times of isolation. Below are quick links to help stay in touch with our Parish and celebrate Mass at home:

Liturgy for you at Home (produced by SPP): <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

Weekly Homily (produced by SPP): <https://homilycatholic.blogspot.com>

Surfers Paradise Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/surferscatholic/>

Breaking Parish News (SPP Blog): <https://news-parish.blogspot.com/>

Livestream Catholic Mass (from Brisbane Cathedral, usually around 10 am): [St Stephen's Cathedral live webcast](#)

Video on Demand of Masses: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicBrisbane/videos>

Mass for You at Home (free-to-air TV):

Channel 10, Sundays 6:00 - 6:30 am and on-demand [at https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home](https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home)

also available on Foxtel 173 Aurora Channel

Current Parish Office Operating Protocol

The office is still not open for pop-in visits. **The Parish has phone contact hours Monday to Friday 9 am until 12 noon, where we will endeavour to answer the phone for any inquiries.**

We are also contactable anytime via email surfers@bne.catholic.net.au. In the case of **emergencies**, there is also the same parish office number (with a button option to press for emergency contact) for the on-call priest 24/7. The Parish phone number is 5572 5433.

PLEASE PRAY

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: All suffering from the effects of Covid-19.

Also, the following who are ill (not Covid-19): Baby Charbel Raphael, Angela Duvnjak, Judy Dempsey, Monica Bailey, Rachel Raines, Savannah Ayoub, Lisa Mangan, Colin Virtue, Ann Harris, Ann-Marie Loder, Angel Salvador, Brian Woodgate, Kate Smith, Tricia Baumann, Gus Reeves, Baby Maeve Lombard, Kathy Kiely, Greg Sharah, Sr. Christine Chia, Kurt and Betty Hilleshiem, Ron Perry, Kim Parkes, Rosslyn Wallis, Jabour Haddad, Yvonne Lofthouse, Maureen Murphy, Peter Walsh, Arthur Haddad, Jean Di Benedetto, Damian Callinan, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Noel Connolly, Costanzo Letizia, Jackie Hogan, Anthony (Tony) Howell, Jacques Desbleds, Mercia Veronica June Goodchild.

ANNIVERSARY: Pauline Restall, Kel Hamilton, Annette Anning, Alfonso Lim, Roy Jackson, Lorna Wheeler, Rita Woodhouse, Amelia Limbert, James Fuller, Henry Wirth, Raul Cruz.

Next Weekend's Readings

Readings for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

FIRST READING: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 | Jeremiah 20:10-13

Response: Psalm 69:8-10, 14+17, 33-35. "Lord, in your great love, answer me."

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 10:16-17 | Romans 5:12-15

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 15:26b-27a). Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord. And you also will be my witness.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58 | Matthew 10:26-33

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.