

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass centres: Gunalda, Gympie, Imbil, Kandanga, Kilkivan, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay, Widgee

As we gather we acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi people and the Indigenous elders of this area, those who once lived here and into whose sacred space our forebears came, changing forever an older way of life

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Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A 17 May 2020

Our preparation for the Plenary Council the October first session postponed indefinitely had us responding to what we think the Spirit was asking of us at this time in Australia. The question was addressed to all of us baptised members of the church, not just to the clergy, religious, theologians, teachers and the like. In asking the question we found ourselves completely at home with what Jesus said to his friends as they sat around after the last supper. St John in his gospel uses that setting to record what Jesus shared with his friends to prepare them for his going away from them. St John is thinking of a double 'going away'. Their loss of him in death but also their loss of him when he no longer appears to them after the resurrection. Next week we celebrate the ascension when he withdraws from their sight.

So, the plenary council question has us accepting what Jesus said that he would ask the Father to send another advocate, the spirit of truth to be with us forever. At our initiation into the church through baptism, confirmation and full participation in the Eucharist, each of us became a beloved daughter/son of God and the Father's favour rested on us. As we practise listening to the voice of the Spirit we find ourselves responding in unexpected ways to the different situation in life that appear each day.

The Star Wars movies pinched our position of faith when Luke, the central character in the story, in his training to be a Jedi knight, heard the voice of his old mentor (now dead) tell him to "trust in the force, Luke". In doing this, Luke was able to overcome the powers of the dark side. These movies can provide much material for reflection as we think about our reliance on the Spirit Jesus breathed into us, not making us Jedi knights, but active agents of his love and creativity.

To listen to the spirit demands deepening our understanding of our faith. We can picture our Christian life resting on a tripod. The three legs we attend each day are piety (our relationship with God through personal prayer and the sacraments), study (tapping into the many resources available to us today to know our faith better) and action (Jesus sent the apostles out to proclaim the good news of God's love for every person and make disciples).

St Peter reminds us to reverence the Lord and be ready to give reasons why we live as we do and why we believe what we do. We could do ourselves a great benefit by sitting with what we say when we recite the Apostles' creed or the Nicene creed. Mull over the words to get inside them. Consult the Catechism of the Catholic Church if you wish to have a guide but realise such reading and mulling will demand attention and effort.

However, you will not be taking this journey on your own. The spirit of truth is not an impersonal force, but a person who is the expression of love within the Trinity. Trust in the Spirit and see your faith flourish.

TO THE PASTORS AND PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

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**CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
AT HOME**

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God,
who enables us, through the Spirit,
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Introductory Remarks

Today, we, the people of God,
gather to hear and respond to God's word,
to return praise and thanks.
We look forward to that day
when we will once more celebrate the Eucharist,
as Christ commanded us to do in his memory.
Our community makes its worship
in union with the Church throughout the world,
with Francis our Pope, Mark our bishop,
our pastor, Father Adrian, who is unable to be with
us, and with our brothers and sisters in neighbouring
parishes who keep holy this day in the celebration of
the Lord's sacrifice and supper.

Opening Rite

Before listening to the word,
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these
days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Procession of the Word of God

May the Word of God always be heard in this place,
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before us
and achieves our salvation within the Church.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the
Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the
message Philip preached, either because they had
heard of the miracles he worked or because they
saw them for themselves. There were, for example,
unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who
were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples
were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in
that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria
had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and
John to them, and they went down there, and
prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit,
for as yet he had not come down on any of them:
they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord
Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they
received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith

In union with the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

General Intercessions

Presider: With confidence we bring our prayers to the Christ who has suffered death for our sins and has risen from the dead for our glory.

That the leaders of the Church may creatively and courageously proclaim the resurrection of the Lord and his presence among us, let us pray to the Lord:
That the leaders of nations work together to bring an end to war, oppression, poverty and hunger, let us pray to the Lord:

That the members of this community may continue to grow in faith, hope and love, let us pray to the Lord:

That the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, may empower us to pray and work for world peace and justice to all, let us pray to the Lord:

That the aged and the ill, Bruno Gabbana, Fr Pat Dowd, and Fr Joe McGeehan, may receive the help they need, let us pray to the Lord:

That all who have died, may they rest and rejoice in the glory of God's Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

Presider: God of glory and Lord of life, bless us, protect us, and prosper the works of our hands. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclamation of Praise

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace

Let us seal our prayer with a sign of fellowship
as we offer one another a sign of peace.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.

May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.
May the Holy Spirit enrich us with his gifts,
now and for ever.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Dismissal

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

With Sunday masses suspended for the time being, please continue to support the parish financially. The ways to do this are:

Use the envelopes and drop them off at the parish office

Arrange a **direct debit** from your financial institution to the parish

Transfer funds electronically online. To make these transfers the details to use are:

Gympie Parish BSB 064-786 Account Number 6531102 or BSB 064-786 Account Number 100017636.

To make a deposit at a post office or bank branch use these details: BSB 064-000 Account Number 0032 5284.

This is an open account unlike the closed account for electronic transfer.

This is the main account for the Archdiocesan Development Fund (ADF). Ask the staff member you deal with to include an identifier. Experience has shown that some will not accept identifiers (I do not why. Those with banking experience may have an answer.) Staff at the ADF have assured me that even without an identifier they will know which account the deposit goes to. May I suggest you send an email to the parish with details of your deposit – date and amount to ensure our records of your assistance are accurate.

The app for people to use to donate to the parish is being set up. Fr Adrian does not expect people to use this as their ordinary way of giving financial support as the fees reduce the amount the parish receives. The best way of support is direct debit as this works without extra charges.

WEBCAST CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST AND OTHER PRAYERS

ST PATRICK'S Sunday 10.00 am. Live stream: go to the Gympie parish website – www.stpatsgympie.net.au and click on the Facebook item at the top right of the screen.

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN Live stream. www.archbne.org/bzw.

Weekday mass: 8.00 am

Sunday: 8.00 am and 10.00 am

CATHOLIC LEADER

With the recent announcement to suspend all Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses until further notice, you, our readers, will be unable to buy The Catholic Leader at parishes on weekends. So, we are making our digital newspaper free at our website, catholicleader.com.au.

This [digital newspaper](#) will be free for readers to access until parishes reopen across the Brisbane archdiocese. It is our commitment to ensure that everybody has access to stories of connection, inspiration, and faith.

PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

*If our doors are closed,
let our hearts be open.*

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.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

Most Rev. Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

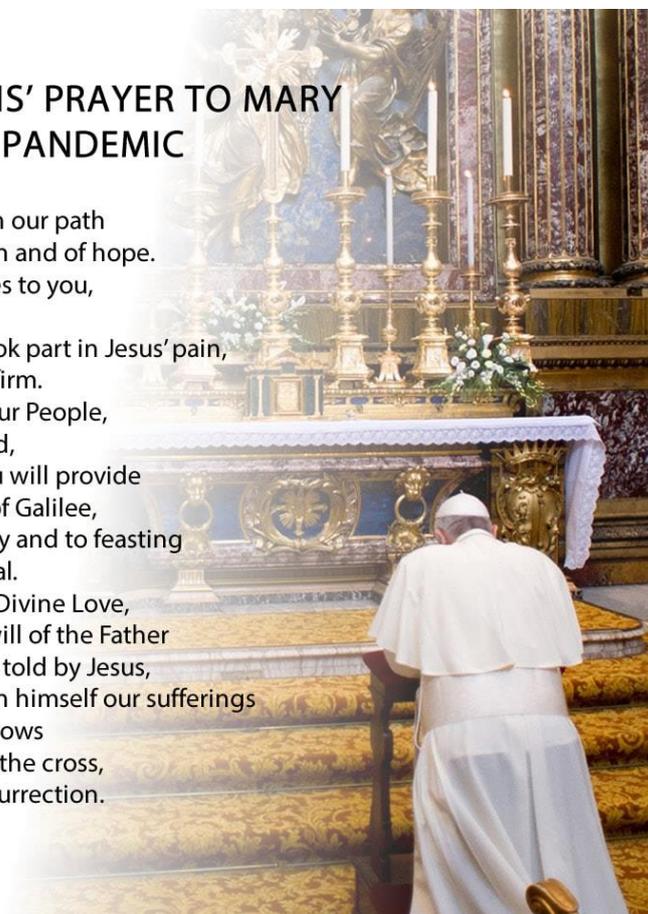


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not being
closed.
Buildings are
being closed.
You are the
church! You are
to remain open.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE 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 Your 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.



3 May 2020

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These protocols will be in effect through to 12 June 2020 and are subject to change with any ongoing amendments to Queensland Health guidelines.

Protocols that remain in place:

- The celebration of Mass continues to be suspended at this time.
- Priests will continue to celebrate Mass (the *Mass for the people*) on Sundays without a congregation, with people able to follow Masses live-streamed from their parish or from the Cathedral on Sundays and weekdays.
- No one is to enter a church, parish building or Archdiocesan workplace if feeling ill.

Updates to existing protocols from 11:59pm on 15 May (note that in all cases, the rules of one person per 4 square metres, 1.5 metres between people, and hygiene protocols remain paramount, they are an individual and collective responsibility):

- The limit for the *Masses for the people* will increase to no more than 10 people in attendance, which includes the camera operator if livestreaming.
- Funerals may be conducted with a maximum capacity of up to 20 people indoors and 30 people outdoors.
- Weddings may be conducted with a maximum capacity up to 10 people.
- Baptisms have a maximum capacity of up to 10 people.
- Churches, which are in a position to do so, are allowed to open for private prayer for up to 10 people at one time during specific hours as determined by each parish, with the requirement for visitors to sanitise upon entry and exit.
 - Occupancy of the space will need to be monitored at all times by a designated marshal, who is not over 70 years of age.
 - The designated marshal is required to record in writing the name, phone number and time of visit for each visitor as a protection to assist with contact tracing if necessary.
 - Work Health and Safety will provide cleaning protocols however, it is the responsibility of each parish to provide cleaning supplies.
 - It is understood that not all parishes will have the capacity to maintain ongoing monitoring or hygiene protocols for private prayer at this time.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Ken Howell

Auxiliary Bishop



Please find attached this week's resources which we invite you to share in preparation for the Fourth Sunday of Easter. 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.

NORTH COUNTRY DEANERY ROSARY: 16 May at 9.30 am

The meeting of the Pastoral Council of the North Country Deanery decided at its meeting last week decided to ask as many as possible across the deanery to pray the five glorious mysteries of the rosary this Saturday, 16 May, at 9.30 am. May 13 was the feast of our Lady of Fatima