

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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 11 October 2020

Celebration of the Word

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

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Lord, have mercy.

Gathering of the Community

Greeting

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

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Amen.

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

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

Lord, have mercy.

Blessed be God for ever.

Collect

Let us pray.

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 and Mark our Bishop, Ken
his assistant our pastors, Father Adrian and Dom,
who are unable to be with us today,
and with our brothers and sisters in neighbouring
parishes
who keep holy this day
in the celebration of the Lord's sacrifice and
supper.

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,

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.

Opening Rite

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

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich
too. I have been through my initiation and now I
am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or
empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is
nothing I cannot master with the help of the One
who gives me strength. All the same, it was good
of you to share with me in my hardships. In return
my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the
people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's
wedding. He sent his servants to call those who
had been invited, but they would not come. Next
he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have
been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all
prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been
slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the
wedding." But they were not interested: one went
off to his farm, another to his business, and the

rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Readings

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: God has blessed us richly with all good things. With grateful hearts we place our petitions before God:

For the Church, that all the baptised may one day enjoy the riches of the eternal wedding feast, we pray to the Lord:

For the leaders of nations, that they may never cease in searching for peaceful resolutions to conflicts, we pray to the Lord:

For the down-trodden and the poor, that the insurmountable challenges of daily living be eased by the goodness of Christ's followers, we pray to the Lord:

For this assembly, that we may with open hearts share our riches of time, expertise and bounty with persons in need, we pray to the Lord:

For our beloved dead and for all caregivers of the sick and dying, we pray to the Lord:

Presider: God of bounty, to you we pray through Jesus your Son. 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.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I
cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace
You as if You were already there and unite myself

Reflection

Beloved friends,

The theme of banquet, feasting, celebration, and rejoicing is very prevalent in the Bible. It is one that we hear over and over again in the Old Testament and is quite pronounced in the New Testament especially in the teachings of Jesus.

Today, we get to hear the resounding words of Prophet Isaiah that shows the richness of God's banquet where invitation to partake is extended to everyone, and not a selected few. *The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek*, Isaiah echoes. But this feast is symbolically set on a mountain. Mountains in the bible symbolically represent a meeting place between Divinity and Humanity. A place where we are elevated from all the ways we have been beaten down by suffering, by pain, and all sorts of things that drag us down to the pit of despair, weeping and shame. God elevates us to be in touch with the Divine, which in turn is how we are in touch with our own divinity.

In this beautiful, mountainous place, every tear shall be wiped from our cheeks. There is feasting, a banquet of rich food and fine wines, and all the shrouds of death and mourning will be removed forever. This is God restoring all things anew again. This is God inviting us to the banquet of new life, a banquet that will give us exuberance of life. The good news about this banquet is that the invitation is thrown out to everyone who wants to partake of the rich food and wine of God and feast, so that all tears of disappointment and broken heart and death and pain and suffering, will be wiped away, and the person could enjoy the exuberance of the Divine life.

The sad thing is many people have rejected and ignored this invitation. This is something that is exemplified in our Gospel reading today. Jesus continues with his parables today as he speaks to the chief priests and the elders of the people, who are closed down to the message of transformation and change of heart that he was bringing. Probably because they were offended by the way he had disrupted their system of taking advantage of the people especially the poor. In this parable, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to that of a king who throws a feast for his son's wedding and invites his friends to attend, only for them to turn down his invitation. The king was furious that he sent his servants to go out to the roads and invite everyone

wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

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.

Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

that they could gather, the good, the bad, and the ugly. It's interesting that those expected to honour the invitation turned it down only for the feast to be made available to all sorts of people, literally the good, the bad, and the ugly. All kinds of people are invited because the king doesn't care about their background or whatever labels they have been given by society. The king simply wants them to come and enjoy the party, the feast, the banquet of rich food and wine that he is throwing.

You see my dear friends; the gospel message is based on invitation and choices. Illia Delio said that the Christian life requires us to make a conscious decision to shift the mind to focus on the central values of the Gospel and to dispense with all other things. *Without the choice for a new level of consciousness, there can be no new reality or reign of God*, Illia Delio maintains. Shifting the mind is simply changing the way we see things, changing our minds. In Greek, it is called *metanoia*; a word that Jesus constantly used to invite people to see things in a whole new way.

On God's mountain, God is throwing a feast, a banquet and inviting all of us to come and partake of the rich food and fine wine that is being offered. The whole thing is a constant celebration of the Divine life, where all tears will be wiped away from every cheek. It's always a banquet, a celebration, a feast at the end. Sadly, most of us are in this feast, this banquet and we are not even participating. We focus more in our **do's and don'ts** and obligations like the chief priests and the elders of the people, and we are rejecting the invitation to enjoy the banquet. In Jesus, God was present before them in flesh and blood and yet, they could not embrace this exuberance of life. God wants us to be free to enjoy the exuberance of life that has been given to us.

And so, I pray dear friends, that we will stop missing out on the banquet that we are already in, because we are not aware that we are in the party. This is true of how we do one thing, and how we do everything. It is true of how we celebrate the Eucharist as we gather together as one family. May that remind us of all the rich food and fine wine that God is offering us in the Eucharist and in every aspect of our lives. May it help us to appreciate the beauty in the common and live life like never before. Come to the feast of life!

And may God bless you!

Fr Dom.

Parish News:

RCIA Meeting – 15 October 7.00 pm Parish Centre Gympie: If you, a family member or a friend, want to know more about the faith and the Catholic church contact the parish office: gympie@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 5482 1213. The RCIA journey ends with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night 3 April 2021.

Confirmations: Preparation Sessions begin Monday 19 October at 3.30 pm Parish Centre Gympie: Young brothers and sisters in Grade 3 and above who are baptised in the Catholic church can come forward to begin preparation for the sacrament of confirmation. Parents whose children are baptised in another Christian community would need to talk to Fr Adrian or Fr Dom to explore possibilities. Please hand in names as soon as possible to gympie@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 5482 1213. If at St Patrick's Primary please give names to Mr Campbell. If at the college give names to Mrs Mooney.

Social Justice Statement for 2020 The statement from the bishops centres on mental health in Australia. You can access the statement and other material at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/>

Eileen O'Connor: Eileen is on the road to being proclaimed a saint. She founded an order of religious women popularly known as the Brown Nurses or more correctly Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor. They cared for the sick and dying poor in their homes. Injured as a 3 year old she only grew to 115cm tall and was in constant pain. She died just before her 29th birthday. Cards to assist you praying are near the door.

Father Dom's Talk Series on Shalom World TV

To watch Fr Dom's Talk Series called "Your Dynamic Flow" **live** on Shalom World TV every Thursday at 8pm, use this link <https://www.shalomworld.org/watchlive>

To watch EPISODE 4 aired last week, use this link <https://youtu.be/oyWwtMY24AA>

Hope the series changes your life and encourage you to trust the God who is and forever on your side.

Additional celebrations of the Eucharist:

St Patrick's Gympie: Sunday 5.30 pm. **Please register at the Parish Website before midday Friday if you wish to participate.**

St Therese Gunalda: 7.00 am 1st Sunday of the month **Next Sunday: 1 November**

St Peter the Fisherman Rainbow Beach: 7.00 am 3rd Sunday of the month. **Next Sunday: 18 October**

St Patrick's 10.00 am live-streamed mass continues, please go to the Parish Website and book for Mass before midday Friday.

Masses in the other churches will be looked at in due course.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

(if you would like your loved one prayed for, please let us know so we can add them to the list)

Your prayers are asked for Maree Friswell, Gerri & Colin Willison, Billy Corfield, Basil Garner, Leon Garner, Peter Nicholls, Peter & Marie Corfield, Billy Balkin, Pat Hoolihan, Bob Eyears, Joanne Dodt, Michelle Newton, Mary Merrin, Joe Costello, Bruno Gabbana, and Fr Pat Dowd.

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask You to bless Your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the parish community, they may joyfully praise Your Name, for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

FOR THE DECEASED:

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who died recently especially 'Max' Hayes and those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

CHURCH UPDATES

MASS BOOKING

Go to the parish website and scroll down to the Join Us button just below the livestreamed mass video section, and click to join for either the 10am mass or 5:30pm mass on Sunday. The link will take you to Eventbrite where you will choose the date for the mass you want to attend, and then follow the prompts to fill your details and in seconds, you are done.

Please be charitable by not booking for more than one Sundays in a go.

Those who don't have emails or are unable to do computer/internet bookings, please call the parish office and the staff will assist you to get a spot for mass.

Mass is live streamed from St Patrick's at 10 am so those allocated a seat are asked to be in the church by 9.30 am. Allow time to sanitise and sign in. Please bring your glasses: they make finding your name a little easier!! With the 5.30 pm mass, come in at about 5.00 pm to allow yourself time to sign in and sanitise. Your glasses are also a great help!

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:

"If you have changed your weekly giving from envelopes to electronic transfer, please advise the Parish Office on 5482 1213 as not all names have been notified from the banking agencies" envelopes are now available for pick up from the back of the Church.

Use the envelopes and drop them off at the parish office. Those at Mass, can place their offerings in the baskets in front of the altar.

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.



<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

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.

The **Men's Afternoons** are held on the **Third Thursday of the Month** from 12.45 pm until 2.45 pm. Next is **Thursday 15th October** for transport assistance please contact the parish office, 5482 1213.

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

MASS ON TV Channel 10 6am each Sunday



PIETY STORE will be open 9am to 9.30am each Sunday

A limited supply of Columban calendars available for \$9 and A limited supply of 2021 God's Word for \$15.

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.



The resources can 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.

DYING PEACEFULLY - NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY IS TODAY 11.10.2020

Euthanasia: Recently Archbishop Coleridge wrote about the proposed legislation to make euthanasia, assisted dying or any other terminology politicians and advocates for assisted dying may choose to use, assisted dying means taking the life of another. We are speaking of killing people. We are saying the world would be better off without you.

The dignity of each human being is a fundamental belief of those who believe in Christ. The sanctity of life is fundamental. The proposed taking of life cannot be justified regardless of the opinions of politicians and advocates.

The next few weeks prior to the election in Queensland is an ideal time for us to raise this with candidates of all parties and none standing for election. Those of us with concerns about the intentions of our parliamentary representatives may feel morally bound to raise this directly with candidates. Not only is this a reasonable thing to do, it might well be considered our Christian duty.

There are many issues about which we have concerns but euthanasia is one that is very clear. It is life or death. There is no in between.

There is currently euthanasia legislation before parliament which is yet to be voted on by MPs. Thus for Christians, euthanasia is one of the greatest issues facing Queensland society. Euthanasia, assisted dying or any other terminology politicians may choose to use, is the taking of life. It is killing.

The sanctity of life is a fundamental principle of our Christian Faith. The taking of life can never be justified, regardless of the opinions of parliamentarians.

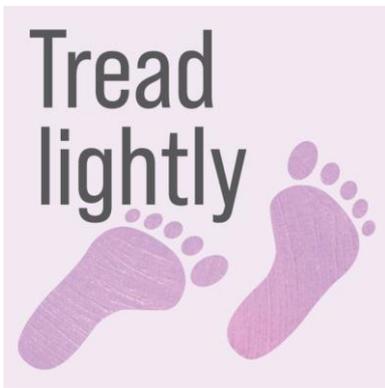
The next few weeks prior to the Queensland election is an ideal time for us to raise this with candidates (of all parties) standing for election. Those of us who have concerns about the intentions of our parliamentary representatives may feel morally bound to directly raise this with candidates. This is not only reasonable, but might well be considered to be our Christian duty.

There is probably no clearer issue than euthanasia. It is black or white: life or death. Opinions of those seeking election must also be equally black or white.

Candidates must be able to unambiguously and truthfully state how they intend to vote on any proposed euthanasia legislation. Obfuscation on their part is not acceptable. Regardless of whether the legislation goes before parliamentary inquiries, the Law Reform Commission or any other process, candidates must be willing to state their future voting intentions now. Any other stance by a politician might reasonably be considered to be lack of truthfulness on their part.

We should judge our parliamentary representatives by their readiness to tell us where they stand on this issue now rather than any commentary on their part which indicates that their minds will be made up in due course by considered opinion, inquiries or commissions, or any other procrastinating excuses.

To email the leaders and the candidates is not being party political. To ask them to state their intentions is something those who choose to do so, do as individual voters



We need to tread lightly and carefully in making laws about end of life. We must be careful not to cause more suffering under the illusion that we are ending it. Legislation around euthanasia or voluntary assisted dying will be considered in Queensland early next year, so this is an important issue to consider as we prepare for the state election on October 31. To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of-life visit <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/dying-peacefully/>

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated 18th October in St Patrick’s Parish

Week 2 of World Mission – Brisbane



October 11, 2020 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings – Isaiah 25:6-10, Philippians 4:12-14,19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

“The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek...”

There are a lot of references to food and banquets in the texts that form today’s Liturgy of the Word. From the first reading’s reference to “rich food, a banquet of fine wines”, through to the Responsorial Psalm’s assurance that the Lord “has prepared a banquet for me/in the sight of my foes”, and the famous parable

of the wedding feast, told by Jesus – we are a Church which gathers for spiritual nourishment and we are a Church called to bring practical sustenance to those in need. From these moments of ‘coming together’, we are fed in order to then go forth and share what we have with others. One of the ways available for us, as Catholics, is to support the missionary work of the Pontifical Mission Societies, of which Catholic Mission is a part. During October, we ask for your prayerful and financial contributions. You can send a text to the following mobile number (the rest of the process is quite simple) 0488 854 436 (enter your parish name in the notes), by donating online at catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia or by using the appeal envelopes that will be made available on World Mission Sunday (Oct 17/18).

In anticipation for all the ways you will help “wipe the tears from every cheek”, we give thanks.

“Your Dynamic Flow”

Use this link to watch EPISODE 1 of the Talk series: https://youtu.be/Ua15_Hes0ik

Use this link to watch EPISODE 2 of the Talk series: <https://youtu.be/WStEK2EZqKg>

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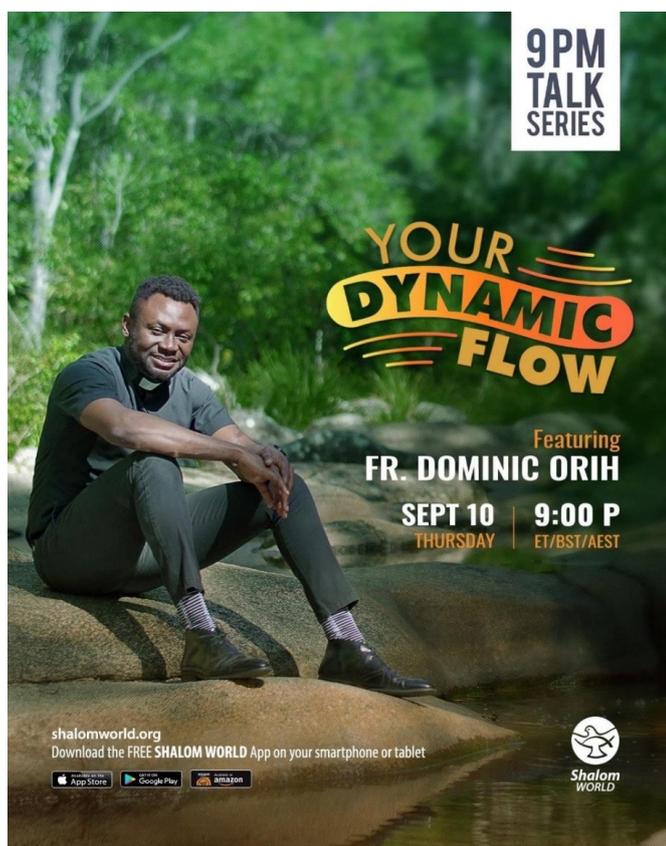
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<https://www.shalomworld.org/watchlive> with daylight saving – The Talk Show starts at 8 pm instead of 9 pm

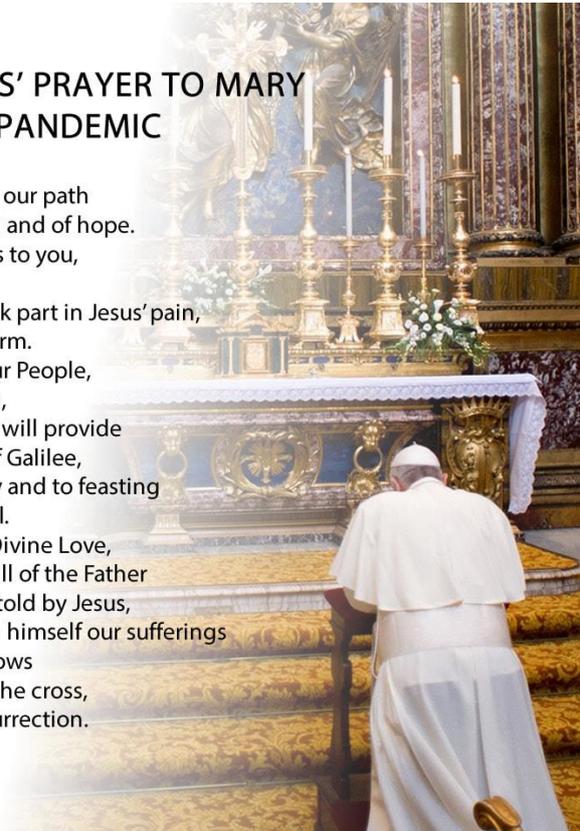
or replay version, use this link: <https://www.shalomworld.org/show/your-dynamic-flow>

To watch all the episodes, go to: <https://www.stpatgympie.net.au/your-dynamic-flow>



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.



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

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
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