

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A 10 May 2020

Beloved friends,

As we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter, there is a beckoning for us to remove the blindfold of separateness and to see our Divine union with God.

It is important to know that when John writes about Jesus in his Gospel, he is writing about the Christ that is manifest in all things and in all people. This Gospel was written in a much later time in his life when he was old and now reflecting about his experiences and encounters with Jesus. He is now seeing the whole pattern and recognising the Christ Mystery that is at work in our world.

This Christ Mystery is shining through and in us because we are one in God and God is in us. To be one in Christ is to be one in God. Christ as Richard Rohr puts it, "is our word for the One reality that includes everything and excludes nothing; it is really universal forgiveness in all directions!" St Paul writing to the Colossians (3:11) said, "There is only Christ, he is everything and he is in everything." In our Gospel today from John 14:1-12, Jesus made that clear when he responded to Thomas who asked him the way he is going. Jesus said, *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too.... To have seen me is to have seen the Father.* And then earlier on in John 10:30 he said, "the Father and I are one."

These words would have been scandalous to the Jewish ears at that time, but now as we reflect on it, it was rather the foundational truth of every humanity. If we are one in Christ as Christ is the way, the Truth and the Life, then it means that we are one in God. *To have seen me is to have seen the Father because the Father and I are one.* There is no separateness between us and the Divine. Cynthia Bourgeault said, "There is no separation between humans and God because of this mutual inter-abiding which expresses the indivisible reality of divine love." This is our original foundation and hence our original blessing in God. In Bourgeault's beautiful words, "We flow into God – and God into us – because it is the nature of love to flow." I would like us to take a minute and let that sink in; because it is easy to think that we are our own being and nothing connects us with God when God is in the very fibre of our being.

Recognising this, is the very foundation by which and through which we do everything. No wonder in our Catholic Tradition we always make our prayers "**Through Christ Our Lord.**" Of course, how can we pray on ourselves separate from Christ? No, we pray through Christ because *we are Christ and Christ is in us.* As St Paul said, "...you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God" (1 Corinthians 3:23). We can only pray through Christ through whom and by whom and in whom all things are made.

When you have removed the blindfold of separateness and see your divine union with God, then one of the most powerful statements that Jesus made in this chapter of John's Gospel will make sense to you. Richard Rohr paraphrased it thus: "Don't get too excited about the things that I did. **You're going to do even greater things!**" (John 14:12). Rohr said, "Healthy parents love their children so much that they want them to keep growing, producing, and performing to their highest potential."

And that my friends, is what God wants for you because you are God's child. You belong to Christ and Christ belongs to you.

And May God bless you!

Fr Dom.

**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 N. our Pope, N. our bishop,
our pastor, Father N., 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.
Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within
us,

that those you were pleased to make new in Holy
Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was
increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against
the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own
widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called
a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them,
'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of
God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must
select from among yourselves seven men of good
reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom;
we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to
devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the
word.' The whole assembly approved of this
proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith
and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip,
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus
of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented
these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their
hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the
number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly
increased, and a large group of priests made their
submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9
A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but
chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves
close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood
that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ
has made acceptable to God, may be living stones
making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how
I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have
chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not
be disappointed. That means that for you who are
believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the
stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the
keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring
men down. They stumble over it because they do
not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for
them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a
consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the
praises of God who called you out of the darkness
into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a
place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am
going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are
going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through
me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have
seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we
shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time,
Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know
me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and
the Father is in me?'

The words I say to you I do not speak as from
myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this
work.

You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for
no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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 faith in our risen Saviour who is our way to the Father, we pray:

For the Church, to be guided by the Spirit in leading all to the Father's house, we pray to the Lord:

For world leaders, to act courageously in relieving the suffering of people world-wide, we pray to the Lord:

For all people, especially children, who are troubled and who suffer from violence, oppression, and rejection, we pray to the Lord:

For all gathered here, that we may bear witness to Jesus as the way, the truth and the life, we pray to the Lord:

For our beloved dead, that they may rejoice in their Father's house and be our advocate in life's journey, we pray to the Lord:

Presider: Loving God, we take to heart the words of Jesus to not let our hearts be troubled. With confidence we bring our needs to you. Look upon them kindly. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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.

Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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

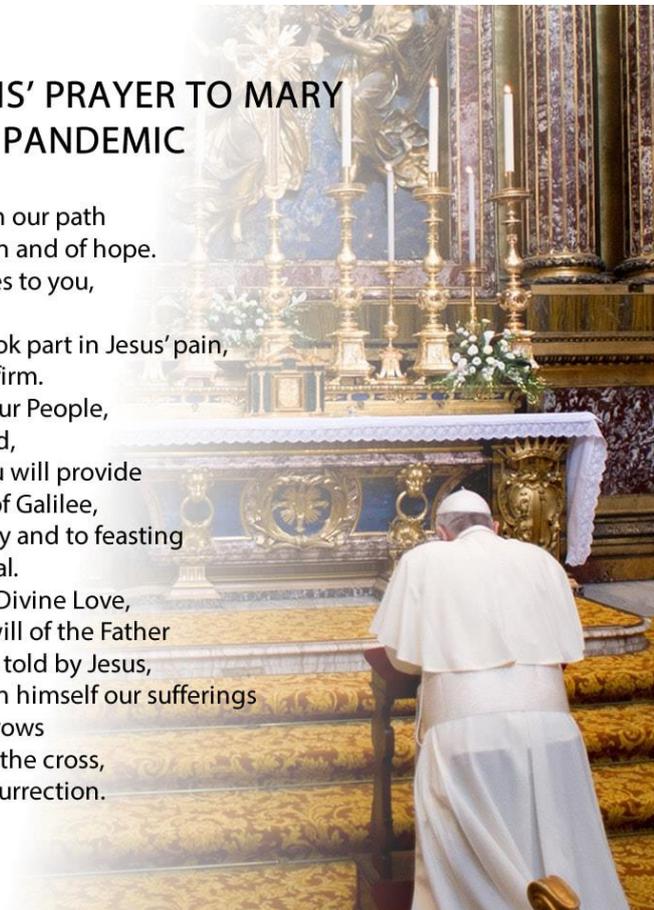


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not being
closed.
Buildings are
being closed.
You are the
church! You are
to remain open.

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.



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.

SUNDAY READINGS

READ AT HOME

The first document contains the Sunday readings with associated commentaries and prayers. It is suggested that families gather to read the Scriptures aloud together.

FAMILY PRAYER

WEEK BY WEEK

The second resource is designed for families with young children. An extract from the Sunday gospel is provided, along with some reflection questions, a family activity and a worksheet for children. We invite you to share these resources with anyone who may find them useful.

The feature articles in this issue are:

* **Church after Coronavirus**

This article is a series of extracts from recent articles in the National Catholic Reporter. Various commentators share their views on the new understandings of social mission which have arisen for the Church.

* **Virus and Vocation**

Tom O'Loughlin discusses the challenging version of discipleship which has emerged while our world has been upside-down and wonders whether our new ways of listening and doing might persist.

* **Real Presence and Virtual Liturgies**

Felix Just SJ explains that there are different kinds of "reality" and "presence" and points to ways in which technology makes it possible to be "really present", in ways we have not experienced before.

The current edition is now ready to view at <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/>.

Welcome to the 2020 May edition of Evangelisation Brisbane CONNECT

[Initiatives for Parishes & Communities during COVID-19 \(click here\)](#)

It's now been more than six weeks since our Church buildings have had to close. We've journeyed through the Sacred Paschal Triduum in isolation and we await the day when we can again gather to celebrate the body of Christ both in the Eucharist and in the gathering of the faithful. In some respects, there is a convergence with the liturgical calendar. After the ascension, the disciples waited in the upper room until they 'received power from on high.' (Acts 1:8). Then on the day of Pentecost, the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to 'make disciples of all nations.' (Matt 28:19 – 20) Though we haven't yet celebrated the Ascension of the Lord, it's as though we are already in the upper room, waiting and praying for that moment when the Church can again gather to dedicate ourselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

In the meantime, there are many parishes doing amazing work engaging the faithful online. Many parishes have live streamed masses, some are hosting Zoom connect groups and many Priests and Pastoral Ministers have created great online content. From Caloundra, to Albany Creek, to Burleigh Heads, it has been very encouraging to see such creativity!

In this edition of EB Connect, we focus on ongoing support and resources available to you, our parishes and communities, as you continue to engage the faithful who cannot gather for the sacraments. We do this through daily reflections on the Gospel, 2 minute videos that address relevant issues, an updated FaceBook page, COVID-19 prayers and resources, Alpha online, Sunday Gospel Encounters, Family Prayer, translated COVID-19 resources for languages other than English, as well as our usual array of offerings.

A final consideration, which we are beginning to do some work on, is how to re-engage parishioners when doors re-open. People will have been in isolation long enough to change their habits, and get used to living without the Church gathering. So how we welcome the faithful back in those first few months will be very important. More on that in the coming weeks.

The mission of Evangelisation Brisbane is to work with, inspire and empower parishes and

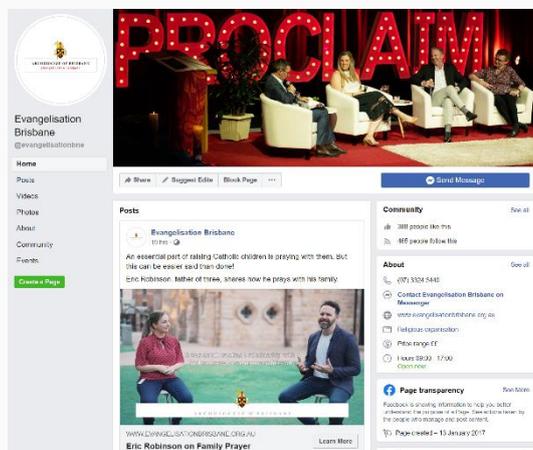
communities to encounter Jesus and live the joy of the gospel. So if there's any way we can be of service, please don't hesitate to make contact.

In Christ,



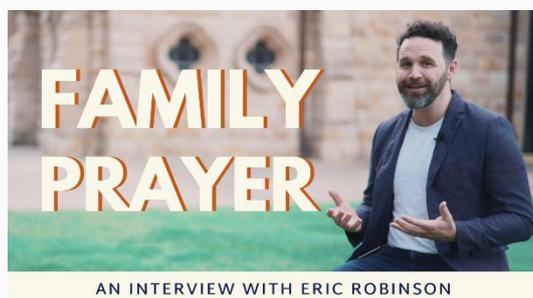
Peter Pellicaan and the team at EB

NEW RESOURCES



Connect with Us

If you haven't already, like and follow and share our page and our posts. Our [Facebook Page](#) is a key place to find the most up to date resources and inspiration.



2 Minute Videos

We've produced 6 x 2min videos on the following: prayer at home with the family, spiritual communion, St Therese Lisieux's advice on COVID-19, Scripture applied to COVID-19, encountering God at home, and how Catholics can respond to suffering and crisis. Here's the first – Eric Robinson, father of 3, shares his insights on prayer with the family:

[View YouTube clip](#)

Keep an eye out for more videos on the [EB Facebook page](#)



Prayers & Links to Resources during COVID-19

This page on our [website](#) contains some simple prayers and scripture references to use during times of Pandemic. Also available as an easy to read

PDF: [Download](#)



Alpha Online

A great solution that will enable churches to stream Alpha episodes and host small group discussion times online.

Visit: <https://www.alpha.org.au/online> for more information

GOSPEL ENCOUNTER



WITH PETER PELLICAN

Sunday Gospel

Encounters

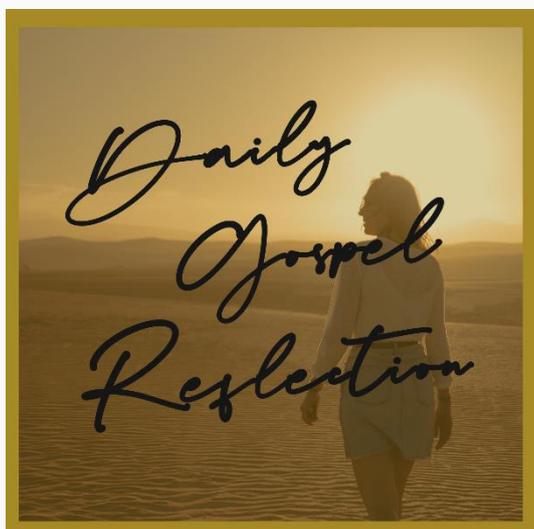
Deacon Peter unpacks the Sunday Gospels in these weekly videos and encourages the faithful to engage with their local parish or community for live streamed masses. You can find them on our [website](#) and posted on Sunday mornings to our [Facebook Page](#)

FAMILY PRAYER WEEK BY WEEK

Engaging children in a live-streamed Mass can be a challenge, but creating a moment of prayer to engage your family in the life of the Church doesn't have to be.

Updated weekly our family prayer resource can be found here:

[Link to Download](#)



Daily Gospel Reflection

Theological reflections on the weekday gospel of the day, intended to help us consider what our faith is calling us to as we travel through these challenging times.

View on our website:

<http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/> where you can also subscribe to receive by email daily.



COVID-19 Translated Resources and Mass in Languages other than English

<http://multiculturalcare.org.au/resources/>



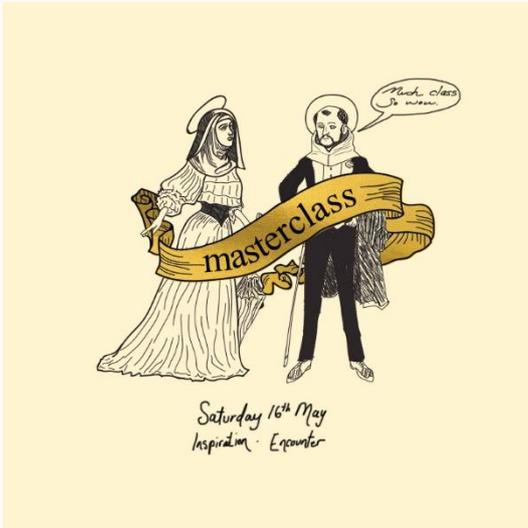
Pentecost Pilgrimage

This international online conference features an incredible line up of speakers (including two of our very own - Deacon Peter Pellicaan and Shane Dwyer) to take you on a journey towards the celebration of the birth of our Church.

Talk videos will be released on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Register online

at: www.pentecostpilgrimage.com



Youth Leader Master Class

Youth Leader Masterclass is all about inspiring and empowering youth leaders who are building youth ministries across the Archdiocese, and creating space to renew your encounter with Jesus.

At this Masterclass we're going to be talking about doing youth ministry online during COVID-19.

Date: 16 May 2020 (4pm-5:30pm)

Location: Online via Zoom

[Register Online](#) by 14 May to receive the link.

STAY CONNECTED

Catholic Justice and Peace



[Latest Justice e-Newsletter](#)

(dated 27 April)

Includes the Church's Social Mission in the COVID-19 Pandemic; the Feast of St Joseph the Worker; and Social Justice Sunday.

[Living Laudato Si' e-Bulletin](#)

(dated 27 April)

Includes information on *Laudato Si'* Week (16 to 24 May); Earth Day; and water management.

Youth Ministry

The logo for Catholic Collective, featuring the words "CATHOLIC" and "COLLECTIVE" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font, stacked vertically within a dark grey square with a thin white border.

[May edition](#)

Check out the latest online events for high schoolers and young adults.

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre



[Newsletter - Autumn 2020](#)

Includes: a tribute to Archbishop John Bathersby (1936—2020); Prayer resources; and Easter blessings.



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