

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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Hindsight is a wonderful thing. We see clearly what should have been done. What was really important. Keep this in mind as you read the New Testament or hear it proclaimed. All of it, the gospels, the letters, the book of Acts and revelation, are written from the point of view of the resurrection. The risen Christ (Messiah) is with us. He has given us the Spirit so that we can understand what God has done in and through his life, death, resurrection and ongoing presence in the Church. We have the benefit of hindsight.

Sheep, shepherds, sheepfolds, gates to sheepfolds, abound in the readings of today's celebration of our faith however we are doing it, alone or withers at home or with the help of live-streamed Eucharist. The imagery drawn of caring for sheep for the Jewish people and for us whose faith ancestors were all Jews, including Jesus, emerged from reflection by these people on the qualities required by those in leadership. David (c. 1000 BC) started life as a shepherd and then became a warrior who, in turn, became a king and united the tribes of Israel. He and all who followed him in leadership were praised or condemned to the extent they looked after the people in the way shepherds at those times and still today in Palestine Israel, care for flocks.

Shepherds knew the sheep they had care of. At our RCIA Zoom meeting Wednesday night, some spoke of owners knowing cattle on their properties in this way. They knew them by name. They knew their "personalities". The animals would respond when called. With these sorts of experiences in mind, it is not hard to transfer this personal knowledge and care we show to an animal to God caring for us and we, in turn, caring for each other.

Each night, shepherds would take their flock, to a common sheepfold, with stone walls and entrance guarded by a shepherd who would be a living gate sleeping at the entrance. In the morning, each shepherd would come and call the flock in his care and lead them out to pasture. Protection from what comes in the darkness and nourishment in the hours of daylight.

The Jewish people longed for the arrival of a messiah, an anointed one, who would do these things, protect them from thieves and brigands and nourish them. The messiah (the Christ) came in the person of Jesus but was not recognised. Disappointed that he did not fulfil their expectations, they called for an end of him. They got their wish and Jesus died. Peter, as he spoke at Pentecost, opened the eyes of his hearers to the identity of Jesus. As he spoke, they realised what they had been a party to in calling for execution. Peter said: change your way of thinking about the messiah, accept that Jesus is the one you longed for and be baptised, immersed in his life.

Being in a flock cared for by a shepherd can be very comforting. To know that God is always looking for us and wanting us to be close is a source of strength. But being a sheep has another feel to it that is distinctly unsettling. Sheep travel in flocks or mobs. They follow wherever the lead animal goes. We speak ill of those who just follow and not display individual initiative to make their own way. However, following is good when the one leading is worth following. This is where we are with Jesus as the shepherd and the guardian of our souls. Following him is no easy task. Initiative is needed. Determination is needed. But doing it opens up vistas of life that don't appear in any other way. Jesus is the gate through which we enjoy protection and nourishment. We freely go in and out and tell others what we have found – fullness of life. Fr Adrian

**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.

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,
Ken his assistant, and with our brothers and sisters
in neighbouring parishes.

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,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the
eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice:
'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God
has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord
and Christ.'
Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to
Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do,
brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and
every one of you must be baptised in the name of
Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you
will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise
that was made is for you and your children, and for
all those who are far away, for all those whom the
Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them
for a long time using many arguments, and he urged
them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse
generation.' They were convinced by his arguments,
and they accepted what he said and were baptised.
That very day about three thousand were added to
their number.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 22:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

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 1 PETER 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing
punishment patiently when you are punished after
doing your duty.
This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because
Christ suffered for you and left an example for you
to follow the way he took. He had not done anything
wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth.
He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults;
when he was tortured he made no threats but he
put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing
our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we
might die to our faults and live for holiness; through
his wounds you have been healed. You had gone
astray like sheep but now you have come back to
the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who
does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but
gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The
one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of
the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear
his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and
leads them out. When he has brought out his flock,
he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow
because they know his voice. They never follow a
stranger but run away from him: they do not
recognise the voice of strangers.'
Jesus told them this parable but they failed to
understand what he meant by telling it to them.
So Jesus spoke to them again:
'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'
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: Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ
is the gate. Let us make our prayers through
Him to the Father.

For the Shepherds of our Church: our Holy Father
Pope Francis, our Bishops and pastors. May they
reflect a Father's love and care for all whom they
serve. we pray to the Lord:

For our world at this time: that Christ the Good
Shepherd may bring hope, strength and healing to
all who suffer. we pray to the Lord:

For our Church: that the Good Shepherd may heal those in pain, and strengthen those in service. we pray to the Lord:

For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parish community. we pray to the Lord:

For our seminarians and all those in formation to priesthood and consecrated life: that our prayers may support them in their vocations. we pray to the Lord:

For all who suffer from illness especially Bruno Gabbana and Raymond Rankin and for those who care for them. we pray to the Lord:

For Maureen and Bob Hillcoat who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last Wednesday week that they continue to rejoice in the love they share, we pray to the Lord:

For the dead: especially for our deceased family and friends and for those priests who have served our parish and Diocese. May they enjoy the reward of their labours. we pray to the Lord:

Presider: Loving Father, Your Son came to lead us to you. Hear the prayers we make in his name, confident of your care for us at all times, but especially now. 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.

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 make your offering at the parish office or make arrangements with your financial institution for electronic transfer of funds.

The parish details for such arrangements are:

Gympie Parish BSB 064-786 Account number 6531102.

Or BSB 064-786 Account number 100017636

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

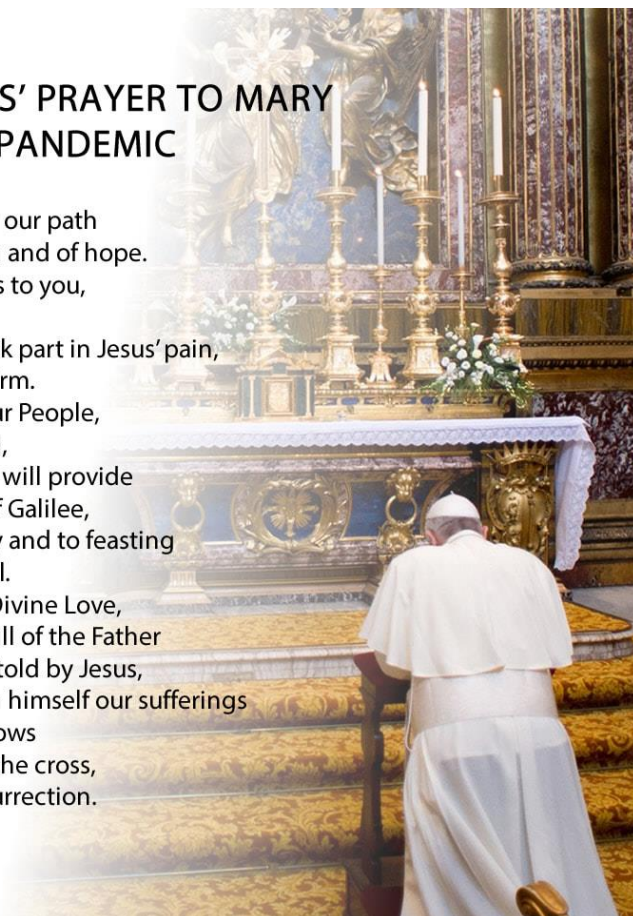
CATHOLIC LEADER

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.

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.



PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

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

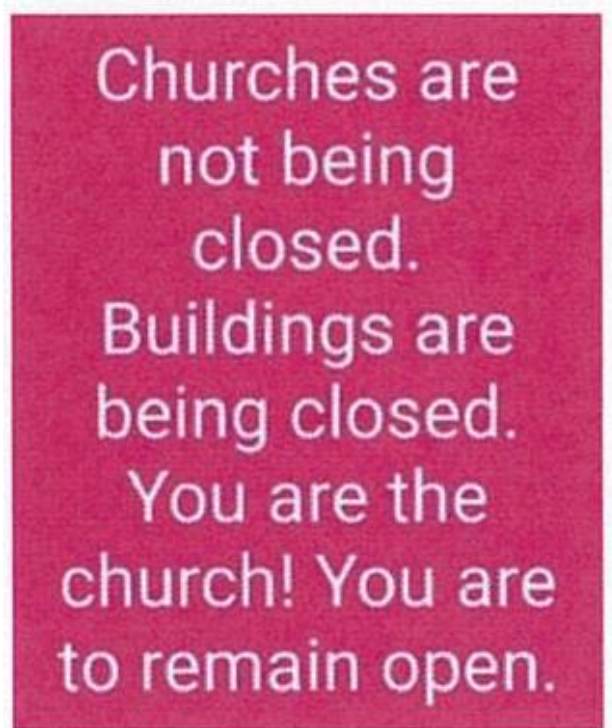
Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond 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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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.

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

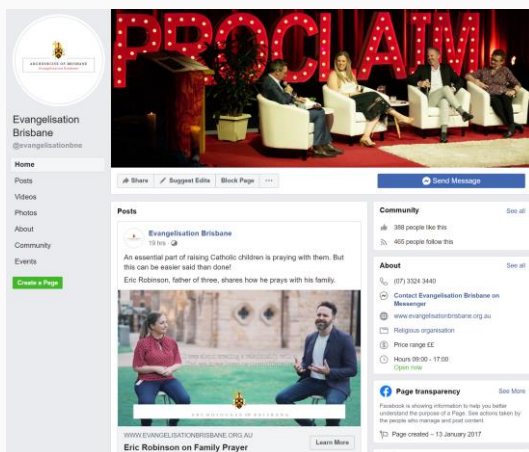
communities to encounter Jesus and live the joy of the gospel. So if there's any way we can be of service, please don't hesitate to make contact.

In Christ,



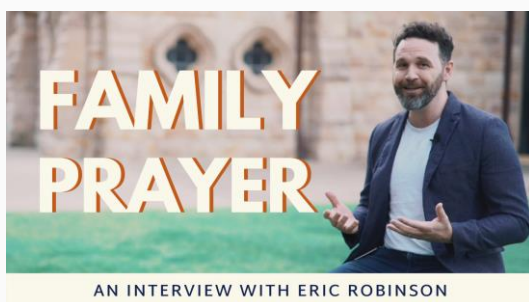
Peter Pellicaan and the team at EB

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 PELLICAAN

Sunday Gospel

Encounters

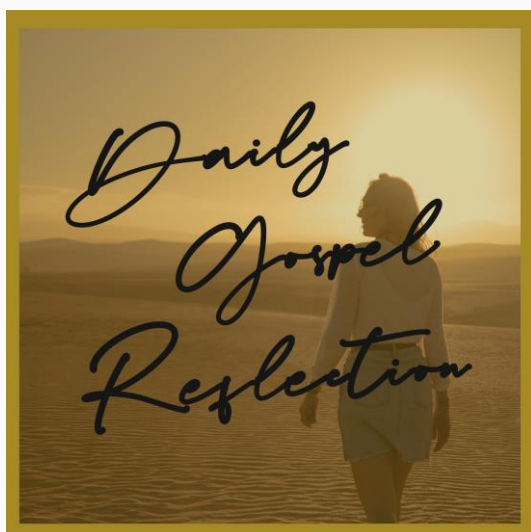
Deacon Peter unpacks the Sunday Gospels in these weekly videos and encourages the faithful to engage with their local parish or community for live streamed masses. You can find them on our [website](#) and posted on Sunday mornings to our [Facebook Page](#)

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



[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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