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**WEEKEND MASSES HAVE BEEN
TEMPORARY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE
COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

Our Vision

We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.

2nd Sunday of Easter –Year

18th and 19th of April 2020

This week, the second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday let us reflect on

Psalm 91:4

He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;

his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

As I reflect on this passage, I envisage little chicks in a nest, waiting for its mother to return, afraid of the storms swirling around them, afraid of what will happen. When mum returns, she immediately covers her chicks with her wings and peace falls upon the nest. A lovely image of protection and unequivocal love.

"Peace be with you" is the greeting of our Risen Lord to his disciples as they are huddled up in the upper room fearing the Jews. It is in this room that they first see the Risen Lord and Peace falls upon them.

The peace of God through the Resurrection occurs every day in our hearts, our families, and churches, even as we live in this difficult time—a time where the noise of the world attempts to drown out the words of peace through the huge reminder of the frailty of the human race. The Risen Lord quietly yet firmly assures us that there is peace in the communion of saints—the church. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (John 14:27). The message of the Risen Lord is the message of peace.

The life of the risen Jesus is now within us and helps us to put aside our fears and doubts so that we can experience his peace, which is his gift to us and the whole church. The resurrection not only changed the world, it made all the difference in the world! Fear is overcome by peace, doubt is transformed into a great acclamation of faith and sin is defeated by forgiveness. Today let us like Thomas reach out in faith to the risen Christ and offer our prayer in faith and hope; My Lord and my God.

Yours in Christ

Fr Jerald

Prayers of the Community

Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently: especially Judith Yeung and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Peter Ng, Concetta Salafia, Filippa Morabito, Bob Digney, Betty Widjaja, Hylton Mayon, Bert Sinclair, Maria Mudocca Ercole Del Ponte, Maria Cescutti, Lilian Constantine, Neil Hartley, Anna Ng Kwan Po Hing, Bruno Rea,

For those who are sick: Paul O'Connor, Emily Patrikis, Madeline Gilmore, Dan McMahon, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny and Alice Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Mary Ritus, Lois Norton Old, Salaka Hewamaduma, Priyanthi Perera, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks, Joyce Foo, Peter Wilkinson, Audrey O'Connor, Tai Thomas, Pat Carty, Khek Hong Tan, Choi Yeng Chew, Marie Simpson, Catherine Poon, Ann Weerappah, Bronwyn Burke, Filomena Fusco, Carmenza Cruz, Alicia Nivia, Frank Prendergast, Joan O'Hanrahan, Pauline Smit, Remi Vulich, Mary Tancredi, Irma Ciccotelli, Jovina Ebell, Gina Giriacono, Dr Hong Nguyen, Cesare Iozzi, Ian Stuart.

Please note:

- Please note our temporary revised opening hours of Monday from 9am -5pm Friday from 9am-3pm
- On all other days the office and Fr Jerald can still be contacted on 0473 873479.

Thank you

I would like to express my grateful thanks to all those who helped with our Easter Liturgies. From the videographers, liturgist, musicians, readers and everyone who helped - Thank you.

Without the help of so many people we would not have been able to deliver our Easter Liturgies this year. Thank you all once again.

Poem during this time of Isolation

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply.

Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.

Some met their shadows.

And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

KITTY O'MEARA

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

No particular prayer or formulary is required, though there are acts of spiritual communion in Catholic prayer books to help focus a proper intention. One of the most popular is that composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

“My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I long for you in my soul.

**Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, Come spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen”**

**Prayer to St Joseph –
under whose patronage the Archbishop has placed this time of crisis.**

St Joseph,

A
PRAYER
to
ST JOSEPH

You were receptive to God working in your life.
Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.
You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:
may your prayers assist our local Church to respond
to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:
help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity:
assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:
may we be mindful of others, particularly the
elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these
difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all
history and every situation: help us to grow in faith
and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen



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