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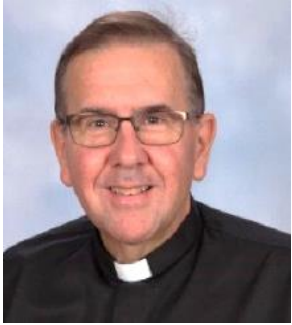
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2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

Year A

19th April 2020



Our Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

In just four months, a very contagious novel virus that began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019 has been spread by people right around the world. By Easter 2020, it had infected more than one and a half million people and killed one hundred thousand, most

of whom died alone without the comfort of family or friends. The last time something similar happened was during the "Spanish flu" which ravaged the world after the first World War.

By mid-April 2020, one quarter of the world's population was on lockdown. The advice from the medical world is to keep a physical distance of two metres from each other, use a tissue when coughing or sneezing and bin it, and to wash our hands thoroughly.

History teaches us that pandemics can change things dramatically. Although the death toll was massively higher during the plague of Justinian (541–542 AD) which undermined the Byzantine Empire, or the Black Death in the middle of the 14th century, which wiped out one third of the population of Europe during the following five years, Covid-19 will also change history dramatically.

Since January 2020, the media has followed the spread of Covid-19, which began in China, then moved on to Korea, Italy, Spain, Britain, Ireland and the United States and our own nation.

In all of these countries of the first world, it is possible to social distance and wash one's hands, but it is not possible for many people in third world locations.

How can you social distance or wash your hands when ten people share a two-room house without running water? This is a problem for one quarter of the world's population who do not have access to running water and adequate sanitation. It is feared that, given how contagious Covid-19 is, it will wreak havoc in India, Latin America and Africa and cause millions of deaths because their public health systems are rudimentary.

Currently our own governments are providing rescue packages that would provide cash for those who have lost their incomes and a bailout for small, vulnerable businesses and keep our nation in some small way in a stable financial position.

These actions are essential not only for our own nation but it will be vitality important for those nations who are just not able to provide anything like our Government. It will fall on nations of the first world to assist these third world nations into the future once the pandemic has passed. This is a human problem and as all humans, we will need to care and support the human family as we move from the pandemic in the months and years ahead.

We continue to pray for those who have died, are sick and for families who have lost loved ones from the COVID -19 pandemic.

God Bless, Fr Mark.

Live Streaming of Mass from St Stephen's Cathedral

www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast

Schedule of Celebrations from St Stephen's Cathedral

<http://archbne.org/bzz>

Family Prayer

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/family-prayer-week-by-week.html/>

The Catholic Leader

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Read the entire digital newspaper for free here: <https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading 1 Pet: 3-9

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

Readings at Home

Please see the link for the readings of Easter Sunday: <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html/>

Vision: To be a welcoming and inclusive community, sharing God's kingdom with all.

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Prayer Requests

If your relative or friend has been removed from this list and you wish them to remain on it, please call the Parish Office.

Let us continue to pray for each other and for all those throughout the world who have died, are ill, or are grieving their loss.

Recently deceased: please remember in your prayers **Ron Heritage** who passed away on Good Friday. We pray for his wife Joan, and the family at this time. May he rest in Peace.

Sick: Please pray for Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Katherine Parsonage, Peter McNamara, Anthony Kenneth Thomas, Theresa Crook, Judy Kocho, Colin Warnick, Melinda Craig, Kay Houghton, Pat Clohessy, John O’Dea, Paul Smeaton, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nadine Jones, Clare Hickey, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, Paul Cherian, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Eugenie Hargraves, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Wal Giugni, Leo Thomsen, Pat Logan, Danielle Keymer, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Sobhon Kanithasevi (Mo), Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

Parish Youth Ministry

One thing that Easter teaches us is that God can always bring goodness through even the most grim circumstances. The cross was a sign of pain, shame and death... and on the cross Jesus endured pain, shame and death but he took that and turned into a sign of love, forgiveness, victory and so much more! This whole COVID-19 situation can seem pretty grim for all of us, but God still knows what he’s doing and he certainly isn’t wasting this time. There is hope and goodness to be found, it’s just our job to find it.

OLR Youth has found a number of opportunities to grow and broaden our ministry. The virus has encouraged us to really up our game with social media and our online presence, something that is essential for any youth ministry, even when there isn’t a global pandemic!

We’ve stepped out of our comfort zones and into online youth groups through Zoom, finding new ways to connect with our youth and help them stay connected to their faith. With things slowing down, it has also given us time to build up and strengthen our team, so when the rubber hits the road we’ll be stronger than ever. In the coming weeks we hope to further engage with our primary youth as well so please keep us in your prayers as we keep seeking the opportunities and goodness God has for us.

Peace, Matt Foxon - Youth Ministry Coordinator

- **Friday Zoom Youth Gathering 6:00pm – 7:00pm**
- **Primary Youth Group watch for the weekly email with ideas to do at home.**



Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland.

Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbour.

In these difficult times let us pray to a merciful God and like Sr Faustina care for our neighbour.

Members of our Maranatha Prayer Group will be hosting a special celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday this Sunday (19 April 2020) via Zoom. Starting at 2:00 pm there will be a Divine Mercy talk followed by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm followed by St. Faustina’s praises of the Divine Mercy.

Please email Patrick on patrick@powercrest.com.au to request the Zoom ID number and password. There is a limit of 100 attendees so it will have to be a first come first serve basis if you would like to join in.

Supporting Your Parish and its Mission

Planned Giving Envelopes and donations can be placed in the mail slot in the office door at the parish office at any time. You may also wish to consider electronic giving options:

Electronic Funds Transfer:

BSB: 064 786 - OLR Parish Account Number: 006651102

(please include your name, giving number if applicable and reference i.e. "Parish giving")

Direct Debit from your bank account or Credit Card payment:

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for download from the Apple App Store and Android Google Play.

Guides for set up and use of this convenient & secure phone and web based application are available at;

<https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/slides/>

https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/slides/giving_transaction.html

Our Lady of the Rosary Education Ministry

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish has a number of education services, please contact these for further information

Parish Primary School	Principal - Andrew Oberthur	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.net.au
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Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au