



From the Mons:

Readings and reflections for Holy Week and Easter have been posted on the Parish website: <https://www.stcaths.org.au>

Greetings to all of you. Everyday you are in my prayers with the hope none of us will fall victim to this virus. I pray for your families and your friends too.

I am grateful for the very kind and caring support given to me over the past few weeks flowing my two trips to hospital and in the present crisis. You are really thoughtful.

There is a Mass on CHANNEL 10 at 6 am Sundays, and also live-stream in some parishes (Cronulla each morning 8 am (except Mondays) and Saturday 5 pm. You can watch them live or at a later time.

<https://m.facebook.com/cronullacatholic/>

Please maintain your spiritual life and I am available for an emergency anointing, etc. Do not hesitate – please phone 9525.9993.

As you are aware, finances are a struggle for some families now, so again, contact me if there is a struggle for food, etc. Try to use the government’s financial assistance which is published.

Also, our parish still has outgoings at this time and no money from collections to keep apace of things. The Archbishop has advised all priest’s salaries are reduced and also spending allowance for food and house utilities.

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Lord, Grant Eternal Peace to:

Recently Deceased;

Robin Willis, Spiro ‘Spike’ Robert Vella, Jim ‘Fred’ Donleavy, Terry McGuinness, Peter Mounce-Stephens, Mary Anderson, John Matthews, Margaret Mason, Tine Harris, Margaret Bacon, George James Porteous.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Rusty Abel, Joan (von Nida) Patterson, Jim Willis.

Also;

Joe Caputo, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, John Vincent Sidgreaves, The Holy Souls.

We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers. Especially; Bev Hurst, Marié Rayner, Jacqueline Scherer and Evelyn Spiteri; who are gravely ill.

Also; Jean Bell, Carmel Farnham, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Dennis Gilligan. Cheryl Lim, Peter McCarthy, Veronica Nugent, Megan Thomas, Father Reg Wilson.

The Bishop of Wollongong expressed;

“Electronic parish planned giving!

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, parishes are going to need the financial support of parishioners more than ever as their overhead costs will not change. As the vast majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection baskets during Mass, we are encouraging all parishioners to join the electronic parish planned giving program. We have created a page on our diocesan website with two simple options for parishioners to give to their parish electronically”

So if you wish to go on credit card (where your donation is taken from your account once a month), please contact the parish secretary, Kerry in 9525.1138 or drop any envelopes/donations in our letter box. The office is still operating for matters unable to be dealt with over the phone.

In this time of crisis, I have found I am more understanding and courteous when driving or elsewhere, as I would not want to add to the anxiety people are experiencing.

Also, I have found I am more affectionate in my feelings and love for parishioners as we are more aware of their loving value.

Such a crisis brings out the best in human endeavours as we see the ones we love and cherish and are truly concerned for their life and health.

May God and our Lady of Lourdes care for all of us.

God bless each one of you.

Mons



In an effort to continue the practice of our faith during the coronavirus outbreak, Bishop Brian Mascord of Wollongong will be celebrating these online Masses (while possible) giving parishioners throughout the Illawarra, Macarthur, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands (and everyone else watching from around the world) the opportunity to join with their bishop and make an act of spiritual Communion together as a diocese.

Where can I watch it?

Mass online will be available to watch and comment online at three sources:

WATCH ON YOUTUBE

<https://dow.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=450e3870a5f08e5ab91ddaca4&id=a7145fcf56&e=d226a7a21a>

WATCH ON FACEBOOK

<https://dow.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=450e3870a5f08e5ab91ddaca4&id=46932e8316&e=d226a7a21a>

WATCH ON DIOCESAN WEBSITE

<https://dow.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=450e3870a5f08e5ab91ddaca4&id=a536aaf993&e=d226a7a21a>

WATCHING MASS AT HOME: A list and link to where you can watch Mass is listed on our website: <https://www.stcaths.org.au>