

St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

Easter Sunday

The Sunday of the Resurrection

11/12 April 2020

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From the Mons:

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

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 by recording.

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

Channel 7 will live-stream Good Friday 3 pm Service and Easter Sunday at 10:30 am from St Mary's Cathedral.

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week and the joyous time of Easter is upon us. We move through Palm Sunday when Jesus was welcomed with much joy and enthusiasm, to the crowd turning against Him in making poor decisions and being influenced by those who hated Him and wanted His death.

Before His betrayal and being handed over to the Roman authorities, Jesus showed His love for us at the Last Supper in giving us the spiritual gift of Himself in Communion....a gift to the believing human family for all the years to come.

The Last Supper is also seen as the beginning of the priesthood when He gave His 11 faithful Apostles this Sacred gift too for all ages.

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Lord, Grant Eternal Peace to:

Recently Deceased;

Mary Cashman, 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; Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel Hurst, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Antonio Sorbara.

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 Apostles were the first bishops as we call them today, and went on to bestow the Sacrament of Priestly Ordination to those chosen in those days by the community of believers. All of the above evolved over the centuries to the ceremonies and celebration of the Mass as we know it today.

In the original days, believers still visited the Synagogues for the enrichment of Scriptures—what we call now the Old Testament—and then went to a particular home for receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

With this Triduum; i.e: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, we now come to the day of salvation, won for us with the Crucifixion of Jesus, which he accepted as reparation for the sins of us all....Good Friday—to give His life for us, with this gruesome death, shows clearly the love of Jesus for us and we should return that love by leading good and holy lives....Easter Sunday recalls Jesus rising from the tomb, giving us the hope of our own resurrection and a subsequent place in Heaven. This is a time of holy joy after the sadness of Good Friday and is the beginning of hope for God's faithful people.

May I wish you all a happy and holy Easter. With you, I share your anxieties in this time of pandemic, that spiritual awareness that we cannot attend Mass as a believing community, and with you, I pray we will all be spared from this terrible virus.

You are all in my humble prayers and Masses.

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

God bless each one of you.

Mons



The Bishop of Wollongong expresses the financial problems in parishes;

“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 top 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.

Additionally, Wollongong Diocese Mass online will be available to watch and comment online at three sources:

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

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