

St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

The 5th Sunday of Easter

09/10 May 2020

Year A

From the Mons:

*Wishing all our mothers a very
happy Mothers' Day 2020*



Dear Parishioners,

This week-end we celebrate all MOTHERS as they live out their marvellous vocation of caring for their children.

This extends to grandmothers, carers and other well-trusted adults who play a great part in the growth of children to be loving and caring persons when they mature.

Being a mother is a wonderful gift from God. We have as an image of how beautiful Mary must have been in caring for Jesus to maturity.

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From the Mons:

Dear Parishioners,

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As a mother, you are gifted with your child for such a short time before they finally move from home and continue to take to the next generation what they have learnt of love and faith since they were babes in arms.

Even in the womb, psychologists tell us, the child being formed senses the love (or otherwise), that the mother conveys.

Do you, as a mother, recall the news that you were pregnant?

Then, the birth of your baby, sometimes with anxiety or concern.

How hopefully your husband greeted the birth with great excitement and anticipation.

The trust of the baby with his/her mother, is beyond description.

Later, as teenagers, the behaviour is also beyond description at times as they sought through their semi-adult life. And yet, you were there.

For the younger mothers, there are years ahead of you when you are expected to love your children as they grow older. Don't give up if they disappoint you at times. Often it is only a temporary stage.

May Jesus who blessed you with the birth of your child, keep you in His loving embrace and may Mary, the Mother of God, always be at your side supporting you in the interesting times of your life as a mother. **HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY !!!!!**

Effective immediately, we have cancelled the Office facsimile.

Please use email (office@stcaths.org.au) or phone the Office (9525.1138) instead...

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis this week encouraged us all to pray in this time of pandemic. We can use the odd time to set aside time to pray even a simple prayer—like The Our Father, or a Hail Mary...

We can meditate on the Faith we share and how we long again to share in the Mass.

We can pray for our spouses, our family, our parents, children, friends and neighbours asking God to bless and protect them from the virus.

Please join with me every day in praying for our fellow parishioners and family, that we will come through this pandemic stronger in Faith and family values and more attentive to what makes for a truly happy and holy life.

God bless each of you.

Mons

FOUND:

Small orange beads - single decade Rosary with an old medal attached. Contact the Parish Office (9525.1138)

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



RE OUR PARISH WEBPAGE: Mons would like to hear from those who have been availing themselves of the School Holy Week & Easter themed Liturgies, Parish Liturgy, links to On-line Masses, Scriptures, our weekly Bulletins, the Catholic Weekly links and others on our Parish website.

We have been trying to keep you posted and 'linked in' to the latest Masses, Scriptures and Liturgy as best as possible.

If you have viewed our website, please email me and let me know:

office@stcaths.org.au



FREE MULCH

Anyone wishing to do their gardens and break the boredom, may collect free mulch from the Church car-park

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

God bless each one of you.

Mons



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Lord, Grant Eternal Peace to:


Recently Deceased;

Peter McCarthy (husband of Rosalyn now at Frank Vickery Village), Jim Casey (husband of Nancy (dec'd) father to Terri & Kevin) Betty White (sister of Marilyn Patton), Gail Sorensen, Peter John Catarinich, Maria Gatt, Paul Edward Simpson, Mary Cashman. Robin Willis, Spiro 'Spike' Robert Vella, Jim 'Fred' Donleavy, Terry McGuinness, Peter Mounce-Stephens.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

All mothers, grandmothers, & those who have taken on the role of 'mother'

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, Cheryl Lim, Veronica Nugent, Megan Thomas, Father Reg Wilson.*

"Electronic parish planned giving!"

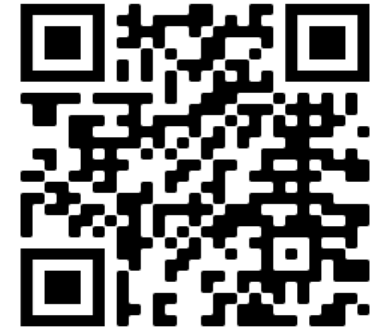
During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, parishes are going to need the financial support of parishioners more than ever as their overhead costs will not change.

As the vast majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection plates during Mass, we are encouraging all parishioners to join the electronic parish planned giving program."

So if you wish to change over to 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.

Would you like to donate to our Parish? Our website donate button is operational or you could scan this code with your mobile device and it will direct you to our donation page... Use your CAMERA app and follow the prompt.



MASSES ON-LINE

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

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