

Dear Friends,

To be honest this Covid-19 pandemic is simply dreadful. We have had funerals limited to 10 mourners. Families are stressed, some families have been unable to be with their loved one as they died.

As well, many more have suffered financially. The social and economic consequences will be hard and will last. By comparison, being jolted out of our own usual routines and diversions by social distancing, self-isolation and/ or quarantine is no great hardship. People, of course miss being free to hug their children and grandchildren or to socialise with their friends. It can be a lonely time. We might get bored and cranky.

This time has also been spiritually disorienting. Places of worship are locked. Many things that nourished us spiritually have been taken from us. So, we are being tested. Pope Francis is a wonderful spiritual guide. He says to us:

"It will do us good to look at the Crucified one in silence and see who our Lord is: He does not point his finger at anyone, but opens his arms wide to all, even to the one who is crucifying him; he does not crush us with his glory, but allows himself to be undressed for us; he does not love us with words, but gives us life in silence."

When Jesus was crucified and died it was the shameful end of the hopes of those who followed him. It was an utter disaster, dark and terrible. The disciples were demoralised and began to scatter. But after three days of grief and despair they are astonished to hear that Jesus had risen from the dead. When they encountered the risen Lord they experienced once more his love and mercy and were transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Through our own encounter with the risen Lord and our dying to ourselves and rising with him in Baptism Christ's Resurrection is our victory over death.

Year by year we gratefully celebrate the heart of our faith, though this year without the awesome liturgies of the Paschal Triduum. But even this lack, this emptiness, is a grace. St Therese said: "Without doubt it is a great grace to receive the Sacraments, but when the good Lord does not allow it, it is all the same, everything is a grace".

May our Easter celebrations at home be an intimate sharing with our risen Lord present among us.

May he now accompany us through the gift of his Spirit and be, as always, our source of hope, joy and strength.

May his love and mercy transform us.

Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

With love from your brothers in Christ,

Frs Greg, Tadgh, John Pallipaddan and John Follent

# CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our Church and parish office are closed until further notice in accordance with the recent directives from the government. However, we are continuing to provide support and information to you at this unprecedented time through our online networks: webpage at <u>http://www.infantjesusparish.org.au/</u> and Facebook at infantjesuspmorley. Please stay in touch with us!



You can still leave a phone message on 9276 8500 or email secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also speak to any of the priests directly by making the appropriate option when phoning the office number.

May the blessings of God and his amazing grace be with you as you celebrate this Easter with thanksgiving in your heart. Have a blessed Easter! - *From staff at parish office* 

## Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Eddie Chin, Guido D'Abbondio and Carmillo Maranta;



Deceased: Allen Pereira;

Anniversaries: Fr Terence Cahill, OCD, Thomas Choo, Rosalia Chin, Renato Scarparolo, Tresa Joseph, Michael Sbrocco and Denis Reardon;

The Sick of the Parish: all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia."

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION 2020 Parish Donations during Covid-19 Restrictions**

DONATION METHOD	ACTION REQUIRED
Weekly PC envelope or donation box	<ul> <li>If by cash, either deliver to the parish office or deposit at an NAB branch (see Caritas Australia's banking details below)</li> <li>If by credit card or cheque, either deliver to the parish office or mail to Caritas's Highgate office (see address below)</li> </ul>
PC Website	If by credit card: https://lent.caritas.org.au/ #blank
EFT	Caritas banking details: BSB: 086 006 Account No: 826 198 877 Account name: Caritas Australia WA Project Compassion Reference: Parish name e.g. "Infant Jesus"
Cheque	Either deliver to parish office or mail to Caritas' Highgate office (see address below)
Cash	Deliver to parish office or deposit at NAB branch (see Caritas banking details above)
Phone	<ul> <li>(08)9422 7925 Caritas Highgate, Monday to Friday</li> <li>1800 024 413 Caritas National Office</li> </ul>
Mail	If by cheque or credit card: 40A Mary Street, HIGHGATE WA 6003
In person	If by cash, credit or cheque: Leave at reception, Catholic Pastoral Centre (CPC), 40A Mary St, Highgate, WA. Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, subject to change during Covid-19 emergency

## **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 Communal Discernment Responses to the Six National Theme**

Groups of parishioners met monthly taking up the challenge of being part of the discernment phase of the Australian Catholic PlenaryCouncil 2020 Plenary Council process. The



discussions were aimed at discerning what God is asking us to do now in response to the goals which emerged from the Listening phase of the process. Many thanks to the parishioners who contributed to the discernment process. To read the responses, please go to our Facebook at infantjesusmorley or go to our website at www.infantjesusparish.org.au

# "Mass at Home" Parish Facebook group

If you are on Facebook and would like another way of keeping in touch with your community and sharing your experiences of practicing your faith at home, or wish to explore on-line faith opportunities, please join our Facebook group.



## EASTER SUNDAY-12 APRIL 2020

## Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives.

COVID-19 means that churches are temporarily closed for parish Masses. During this time may we ask that cash donations in Project Compassion boxes or envelopes be sent to us by cheque or credit card instead.

Please either mail to: Caritas Australia, 40A Mary Street, HIGHGATE WA 6003. (Please do not send cash in the mail. Also, include your completed box top or envelope if you need a tax receipt.) or: visit www.caritas.org.au/ projectcompassion to make your donation online. or: by phone 08 9422 7925. This is Caritas' Highgate WA office. Calls are forwarded to Deacon Paul Reid, during COVID-19 office closure. or: 1800 024 413 This is Caritas' National Office

#### Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 Lenten appeal.

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### **RESOURCES FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

During this period of time where Masses are temporarily suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion.

#### **Archdiocese of Perth** Sunday Mass Livestream at 11am

www.perthcatholic.org.au www.youtube.com/catholicarchdioceseofperth www.facebook.com/perthcatholic

## **Daily Mass Livestream**

Mass on Demand – CathNews Mass for You at Home (Channel 10 -- aired 6am each Sunday) Mass on Demand – Archdiocese of Brisbane Daily Mass -- Archdiocese of Melbourne Daily Mass -- Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

#### **Mass Readings and Liturgical Resources**

Archdiocese of Perth Liturgy Office - Stations of the Cross (Year of Mercy 2016) Readings of the Day Prayers for Time of Pandemic

### Our Parish Team

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Collection for the Holyl Land 2020 To be postponed to Sunday 13 September

The current COVID-19 pandemic preventative measures have preclude the normal community celebration of Holy Week. The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest. For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the Collection for the Holy Land, for the year 2020, to take place on Sunday 13th

September, near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



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