

STAR OF THE SEA



CHRIST OUR LIGHT

# Star of the Sea Catholic Parish

Cleveland, Ormiston, Raby Bay, Thornlands and Stradbroke Island.

We recognise the traditional owners of this land, The Quandamooka People.

**Star News 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Year A  
EASTER SUNDAY**

### Parish Mission:

The Star of the Sea is a welcoming community dedicated to sharing the light of Christ in the spirit of faith and love. We reach out to the service of others, thereby enriching our value of parish life.

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**WEEK DAY  
MASSES**

**ALL MASSES  
CANCELLED  
TILL NEW  
ADVICE.**

Online Masses available from the Cathedral website and also from Shalom TV

Dear Friends,

In the midst of this horrific Coronavirus, today, Easter Sunday, is time to rejoice. He is risen, Alleluia.

Matthew's Gospel tells how "Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre." There was a violent earthquake and the 'Angel of the Lord...rolled the stone away and sat on it.' The guards were so afraid they were like dead men and then the angel spoke to the women. "There is no need to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen as he said he would." The women were filled with "awe and great joy" and hurried away to tell the disciples. "And there, coming to meet them was Jesus." After an emotional meeting where the women 'fell before him and clasped his feet', Jesus said to them "Do not be afraid, go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee, they will see me there'. Both the angel and Jesus begin their greeting with "Do not be afraid".

Have you ever been afraid? What is it in life that you fear? As we age, our fears change. What may have begun with fear of the dark as children doesn't normally follow us into adulthood. As older people who have experienced the sickness and death of loved ones, maybe that's our greatest fear. Personal suffering and sickness is certainly

**ALL GROUP  
GATHERINGS**

Cancelled till new advice



up there with our worst fears but that seems to be coped with better than the sickness and death of those we love. Is there an experience more painful than sitting with a spouse, parent, child or close friend as they near their life's end? We, who have suffered these losses, can only imagine the suffering of Jesus' Mother, Mary, as she watched Jesus carrying his cross, being nailed to it and dying upon it.

Holy Week, the Triduum especially, is very solemn. We journey through the Last Supper which ends with the agony in the Garden and the arrest of Jesus. The following day, Good Friday, we remember how brutally Jesus was treated and after being scourged and crowned with thorns, died upon the cross. But that was not the end, for on Easter Sunday, Jesus rose. "Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia."

So, when we are afraid at the crosses that come to us we remember how Jesus walked before us and now walks with us. As followers of Jesus we are called to be Easter People; people who live each day in trust and in hope and in joy.

Joy, we don't keep to ourselves – it must be lived, shared, given to others.

Our times of COVID-19 is a time to keep ourselves safe, to keep our distance from one another, physically.

It is not a time to socially isolate. Use our great technology, our phones to keep in touch. Use whatever means you have to show the love you have, maybe even for those we don't normally speak with often.

In the midst of these 'dark' times keep the Easter joy alive. Because Jesus is Risen. Alleluia.

God bless,

**Fr Ashley Warbrooke - Parish Priest**

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK FROM HOME:**

**PENITENTIAL LITURGY:** Watch the Penitential Liturgy this evening, **Wednesday 8 April at 5pm. Live from St Stephen's Cathedral website:** [www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast)



**HOLY THURSDAY:** Prepare an altar and **place a piece of bread and a cup** and pray with Jesus as He asked his apostles in the Gethsemane.

**You can WATCH THE CHRISM MASS – THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:** This Thursday 9 April at 10am from St Stephen's Cathedral website Live.

**HOLY FRIDAY:** Prepare an altar with a cross remembering Jesus died for us on the cross. **We encourage you to pray the Stations of the Cross at home** during this difficult time. Think of the one who gave everything for you. Do not think today on what you are missing, but what good you can do to others.

**You will find attached a document with the Stations of the Cross to pray at home.**

Why Pray the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep, and meaningful, but at the same time we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives.

Here are **8 reasons from our Holy Father, Pope Francis on why we should pray the Stations of the Cross:**

#### **1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him**

"The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.... let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him, because he never disappoints anyone! Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption." — Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013



## **2. They Put Us into the Story**

“And you, who do you want to be? Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary? Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross? Brothers and sisters, with all the strength of your youth, how will you respond to him?” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

## **3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us**

“The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: ‘Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you. I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life’ (cf. Jn 3:16).” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

## **4. They Compel Us to Action**

“But the Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, who are in need of help, who need a word or a concrete action.” —Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

## **5. They Help Us Make a Decision for or Against Christ**

“[The Cross] reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Let us remember this: God judges us by loving us. If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but my own self, because God never condemns, he only loves and saves.” —Address, Good Friday, March 29, 2013

## **6. They Reveal God’s Response to Evil in the World**

“The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ: a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness.” – Address, Good Friday, March 29, 2013

## **7. They Give Us the Certainty of God’s Love for Us**

“What has the Cross given to those who have gazed upon it and to those who have touched it? What has the Cross left in each one of us? You see, it gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us.” – Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

## **8. They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection**

“O, Our Jesus, guide us from the Cross to the resurrection and teach us that evil shall not have the last word, but love, mercy and forgiveness. O Christ, help us to exclaim again: ‘Yesterday I was crucified with Christ; today I am glorified with Him. Yesterday I died with Him, today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him, today I am raised with Him’”.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Light a candle and put a white bow on your door symbolising His resurrection, his victory over death.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**



## **WATCH MASS FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL LIVE**

To watch Mass online, follow these steps:

1. Open your Internet Browser (Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Safari, Firefox)
2. Go to the website: [www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast)
3. Click on the play button on the video.

**on Sundays at 8am and 10am and Weekdays at 8am.**

Other prayer resources are also available from this link.

At times when Mass is not being live-streamed, you can watch archived Masses at

[www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw)

[www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast)



**SHALOM TV – AVAILABLE ONLINE:** As the world is going through the Covid-19 crisis and the resulting home confinements and ban on public gatherings, **Shalom World**, through the Grace of God, been able to launch a new channel - **DAILY MASS LIVE TV**.

This is a dedicated 24-hour channel to broadcast LIVE Holy Mass and Holy Week Services from dioceses all around the world.

If you wish to make this channel available on your parish or diocesan websites free of cost, kindly contact us at [dailymass@shalomworld.org](mailto:dailymass@shalomworld.org)

*All prayer services presided over by the Holy Father will also be telecast LIVE through this channel from the Vatican.*

The channel can be accessed via AppleTV, ROKU, AmazonFire as well as several other SmartTV apps.

For details visit: [shalomworld.org/connectedtv](http://shalomworld.org/connectedtv)

Besides this, the channel has also been made available on the website: [shalomworld.org/dailymass](http://shalomworld.org/dailymass) and the iOS and android apps of **Shalom World**. May the hand of God always protect you. Yours in Christ, Shalom.

### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION IN A TIME OF CORONAVIRUS** by Fr. Dantus Thottathil

This will be a Lent we all remember, I am sure. In the midst of the growing spread of COVID-19, all the Masses have been suspended in our Archdiocese. For many of us, Sunday Mass is a staple of our week and our spiritual life. This is an opportunity and a challenge to us to live Sunday as something different, as something holy. When it is not possible for us to participate at Mass, how can we still keep holy the Lord's Day?

The Catholic Church encourages the faithful to make frequent, even daily, Communion. But when we cannot make it, however, **we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, and we ask Him to unite Himself with us.** The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into our heart.

The most common occasion for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when we cannot fulfil our obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, whether because of illness or bad weather, or some other reason outside of our control. It is also good to make an Act of Spiritual Communion when we can attend Mass, but not able to receive sacramental Communion.

#### **How to make an Act of Spiritual Communion?**

1. Make the sign of the Cross
2. If possible, read the Mass Readings
3. Recite the Prayer of Spiritual Communion

You can also make an Act of Spiritual Communion at the time of Communion while watching Mass on TV or online.

#### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

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**PARISHIONERS IN NEED:** We are reaching out to any parishioners who need assistance in this time of need. Please advise our parish office if you require any assistance with essentials. Our Parish telephone number is (07) 3821 4902.

**OFFERINGS:** If your method of contribution is by cash donations to the parish, and you wish to continue your contributions during this difficult time. You could make your donations directly to the Parish Bank Account:

#### **Archdiocesan Development Fund**

**BSB 064786 A/C 310130102**

Please indicate your envelope number if you are enrolled in the planned giving or just use the reference "Giving" if you don't have an envelope number.

You could also contact the Parish Office if you wish to set up a Direct Debit. Email: [cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cleveland@bne.catholic.net.au) or Ph 3821 4902.

# FAMILY PRAYER

## WEEK BY WEEK

FOR FAMILY WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

### Easter Sunday - Year A

12 April 2020

**“The teaching of Scripture is that Jesus must rise from the dead.”**

#### Something to Think About

The Easter season reminds us that we are not alone, that we have never been alone. Jesus is with us now and forever. We have reason to hope and to help! We have cause to celebrate! There is life in abundance and we are called to make a difference!

#### The Scriptures

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9**

On Sunday morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran to Simon Peter and to Jesus' favourite disciple and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb! We don't know where they have put him." Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

They ran side by side, until the other disciple ran faster than Peter and got there first.

He bent over and saw the strips of linen cloth lying inside the tomb, but he did not go in.

When Simon Peter got there, he went into the tomb and saw the strips of cloth.

He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover Jesus' face. It was rolled up and in a place by itself. The disciple who got there first then went into the tomb, and when he saw it, he believed. At that time Peter and the other disciple did not know that the Scriptures said Jesus would rise to life.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### The Story

It was a dark, early Sunday morning. Jesus was dead. Mary Magdalene went to his tomb, but when she got there the stone at the entrance had been rolled away. The tomb was empty! Mary ran and told Peter and the other disciple that Jesus was gone. They went and checked for themselves. The tomb was empty because Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

#### Family Discussion

Imagine you were there on that first Easter morning and found the empty tomb.

How did you feel? What did you think? Whom did you tell?

#### Video

Click to watch the video:

[123 Jesus is Alive !](#)

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER ONLINE:** In these unprecedented times, The Catholic Leader has decided to share our news for free. With the recent announcement to suspend all Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses until further notice, you, our readers, will be unable to buy The Catholic Leader at parishes on weekends. So, we are making our digital newspaper free at our website: [www.catholicleader.com.au](http://www.catholicleader.com.au)

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR ANNUAL LEAVE:** Please note our Parish Office will be closed from Friday 10 April to Monday 20 April.

**RESPONSE FOR THIS SUNDAY 12 April 2020**

**Resp. Psalm :**

R. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**12 April 2020**

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34. 37-43

**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**Second Reading:** Col 3:1-4

**Gospel:** Jn 20:1-9

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**19 April 2020**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

**Second Reading:** 1 Pt 1:3-9

**Gospel:** Jn 20:19-31

**PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS**

Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis;  
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;  
watch over all medical people  
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;  
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.  
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die  
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,  
may shine upon us and the whole world.  
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.  
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.



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**PRAYERS**

**ANNIVERSARY** We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.  
Especially Pat Delaney.

**DECEASED** We commend the recently deceased to the loving embrace of God.

**HEALING** We pray for those who seek healing in their lives. Especially for those affected by the spread of the coronavirus.