



Holy TRINITY PARISH

CATHOLIC Communities of

St. PETER's East Bentleigh

St. PAUL's Bentleigh

St. CATHERINE's Moorabbin



We deeply respect the Aboriginal Community of Bunnerong upon whose land our parish resides

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A
28th & 29th MARCH 2020

HOLY TRINITY PARISH NEWS

My dear friends,

We are all so aware of our present situation, and there is more information every day. The Corona Virus situation is absolutely unique. No-one has ever had to face it before. So many don't know how they will manage. Fear can paralyse our actions. Anxiety can take over our minds.

So how can we respond? Where can we look for stability, security, peace and calm? As people of faith, we know that God is with us. He loves each one of us. We live our Christian / Catholic lives as followers of Jesus. We live His values of **faith** and **love**.

Perhaps now it is time to challenge how we live our **Hope**. So what is hope? It is not airy-fairy dreaming. It is facing difficulties with trust.

We trust that God is in charge. We trust that He loves and cares for us. We try to control worrying and listening to rumours. We place everything in God's hands, as a child trusts its parent.

In today's Gospel, Martha and Mary are facing the most hopeless situation one could imagine. Their brother had been dead for four days. But Martha clings to a glimmer of hope "... *I know that, even now, God will grant you whatever you ask him* "

We are hearing positive stories of amazingly good things people are doing in this crisis. The best medical and professional researchers are working around the clock to find a cure. People, families, even children are finding ways of helping others. Let us cling to our hope, and place our trust in the healing power of our loving God.

A word of wisdom from the famous Bill Gates "This crisis is reminding us that after every difficulty, there is always ease. Life is cyclical, and this is just a phase in this great cycle. We do not need to panic; this too shall pass"

We support the endeavours of the Royal Commission to bring healing to the victims of abuse

Church's website: www.facingthetruth.org.au

Online Masses

*please see below for web
Addresses*

St Patrick's Cathedral

[https://melbournecatholic.org.au/
Mass](https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass)

Times: Mon-Fri 1pm, Sat 8am,
Sun 11am

St. Simon The Apostle

Fr. Kevin Dillon

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCjIZo7MgGsdrEDToBDzqxeQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjIZo7MgGsdrEDToBDzqxeQ/)

After 9.15am daily (also accessible
via their parish website)

Vatican: Pope Francis

Daily 12.30pm Eastern time

[http://www.catholicv.org/shows/pope
-francis-daily-mass](http://www.catholicv.org/shows/pope-francis-daily-mass)

Other Resources

Universalis: Readings for
Mass, Liturgy of the Hours

<https://universalis.com/>



For the health of all Parishioners,
Volunteers, Staff and Priests. All
home visits have been postponed
until further notice. This includes
Communion to the sick and the
housebound, except for those
terminal and for Last Rites. Any
queries or if unsure please
contact the Parish Office.

Also please note if the office is
closed due to restrictions we can
be contacted via email, phone
and mobile 0429 521 061. These
are all listed on the bulletin and
website. Check the website for
updates and news.

Best Wishes

Parish Office.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Guidelines for parishes

The Victorian and Federal Gov-
ernments have issued guidance
for the public and this remains the
best source of advice. Further infor-
mation and the latest advice can be
obtained from the Australian Gov-
ernment's Department of Health at

[https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/
novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov.](https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov)

Although we cannot have our normal Masses, and missing our community
interaction on the physical level, it is very important that we stay united and
connected - spiritually, through prayer, and socially through phone calls,
emails or other modern media.

With St. Paul I can truly say: "I thank my God, each time I think of you, and
when I pray for you, I pray with joy"

With sincere regards and my Blessing,

Fr Jacob

Lenten Programme by Phone

30th March - Week 5 Be opened to Believe

6th April - Week 6 Be opened to Death

13th April - Week 7 Be opened to New life



All welcome to join us by phone. Please ring (02) 8256 7064, preferably
from your homeline or mobile. Please find your mute button on your phone
as most of the program will require you to mute to listen to talks, praise &
worship. To avoid distortion. "Be Opened" program via audio. Starts at
7pm. For more information please call Lidia 0401 384 694

PART-TIME COOK REQUIRED

A religious community requires a part-time cook (Mon - Fri).

Food handling certificate and references required.


Please contact 0409 162 766 for further information.



CRAFTY LADIES and Wonderful Supporters

During these uncertain times we have decided to cancel our weekly
get-together until further notice. However, as there is a desperate need for
Squares and there is really no excuse for not continuing to knit
when you are at home! So please keep those needles clicking
and ring me if and when you have squares finished. Please
take care and stay safe. Sheelagh 0408 249 389



Congratulations and a very 
Happy Birthday to Pat Callanan!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY 90TH**

Hope its a lovely day and best wishes from us all

SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any significant birthdays, wed-
ding or anniversaries in your family.

We would love to know so that we can
celebrate with you as a community.



If you would like your or your loved ones name on our Sick List, please ring
the **Admin Centre**

Pray for Healing

St. PETER's: Mary Leyshon, Jill Briody, Lois Durkin, Margaret Buttigieg, Kevin Owens, Emma Thursky, Moria Bugg, Suzzie Dowling (Liz Coyne's sister), Martin Sheehy, Mary Rieger, Victoria, Sharon Markell, Val Hendry, Ashley Popov, Kathleen Rankin, Serafina Marasco, Bob Cull, Giuseppina Taranto, Sam Williams, Dr. Gary, Jackie Greeley, Helen Mille, Wan Kok On, Wayne Butteriss, Rosemary Anthonisz, Sue Bartlett (Austin) Dr Edna Pereira, Martin Johnson, Tyson Joseph, Nelson Fernandes, Lynne Bryan, Naomi Puf, Braxton de Koke, George, Sandra Jones (Qld), Leonie Kerley, Vince Bezzina, Riley Sinclair, Des Lawler, Marco Paoli, Jakob Deans, Mark & Colleen Lewis, Judy Meehan, Jenny Liston, Kath DeLosa, Darga family members. Josh Kelly Eric Dodds

St. PAUL's: Winston Saldanha, Joshua Smith, Jarrad Camille, Maryam Robson, Noelle Tierney, Tanya Wall

St. CATHERINE's: Bill Baird, Matthew Connors, Anthony Leggiero, Peter Brown, Maureen Clynes, Helen Lucas, Dean Cameron, Aubrey Milhussin, Mary Gill (Mother of Marg Commons), Rodney Butts, Tony Mallozzi, Emma Mallozzi, Stasia Underwood, Noreen Davidson, Dolly Hoff, Anne Grounds, Peter Wilson, Jeff Rudland, Tracey Campbell, Karen Ogden, Gerard Rivalland, Daniel Rivalland, Peter Jennings, Eileen Ellerton



Recently Deceased

St. PETER's: Joan Fennelly



Anniversaries occurring around this time

St. PETER's: Domenico Mercuri, Brian O'Connor, Sherine Vanderputt (5yrs)

St. PAUL's: Geoffrey Flanagan, Ivan D'Souza, Francis Pereira, Lee Anne McEwan, Maxwell Brown

St. CATHERINE's: Carmel Jones, Deidre Whitcroft (Née Buchanan), Coral Hogan, Anthony Burleigh, Norman Adams, Fiorina Mercuri, Thelma Butts, Anthony Younes, James Clyne Jnr



DID YOU KNOW...?



Resurrection hope is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. We can see the progression in themes from the thirst for living water (on the Third Sunday of Lent), through the desire to be healed of our spiritual blindness (Fourth Sunday), to our ultimate desire to share in eternal life with the risen Lord (Fifth Sunday). Death and resurrection are the themes that underlie today's Scripture lessons.

The first reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14:

The haunting vision of the valley of dry bones described by Ezekiel (in chapter 37 verses 1-11), forms the background of today's first reading. The imagery may well have come from an actual battle site, probably that of the battlefield after the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon in 586 BC. After a few years, the Babylonian soldiers uprooted many of God's people and dragged them into slavery in Babylon, some 750 miles from their homeland. This was the beginning of the period known as the Babylonian Captivity, or simply the Exile. Ezekiel was a priest of the Temple of Jerusalem up to 597 B.C., when he was deported to Babylon with King Jehoiachin and the first deportees. In Ezekiel's vision, the release of the Jews from the captivity and slavery of Babylon is described as the Lord God's raising the people from their graves to return to a new life in their own homeland. Through the prophet, God assures the exiles that they will live again. They will be raised from death and filled with life. They will experience new life, life that springs from God's own Spirit. The Lord God urges his devastated nation to look beyond that catastrophe to a future that vindicates His justice and promises the restoration of the nation through the Spirit of God.

The second reading: Romans 8:8-11:

In the second reading, St. Paul assures the Romans of a future resurrection to a life of unending glory for all those who during their time on earth have been loyal to God and His Son Jesus. The suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus win this resurrection for us. Paul advises the Roman Christians, and us, to allow the Holy Spirit Who dwells in them to renew and sanctify them, thus making them eligible for resurrection. *"If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through His Spirit dwelling in you."* The indwelling Spirit of God Whom we have received in Baptism will release us from the "grave" of the flesh and allow us to live the life of the Spirit. The Spirit-filled life is a life of intimacy with God. In this passage, Paul stresses the empowering action of God the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 29th March- 5th Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a
nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning
rescue me, for you, O God, are my
strength.

First Reading: Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you
will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to
open your graves; I mean to raise you
from your graves, my people, and lead
you back to the soil of Israel. And you
will know that I am the Lord, when I
open your graves and raise you from
your graves, my people. And I shall put
my spirit in you, and you will live, and I
shall resettle you on your own soil; and
you will know that I, the Lord, have said
and done this – it is the Lord who
speaks.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 129.R.v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O
Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. (R.)

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word. My soul is longing
for the Lord more than watchman for
daybreak. (Let the watchman count on
daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

4. Because with the Lord there is
mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its
iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading : Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans:

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus
from the dead is living in you, then
he will give life to your own mortal
bodies.*

People who are interested only in
unspiritual things can never be
pleasing to God. Your interests,
however, are not in the unspiritual, but

in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God
has made his home in you. In fact,
unless you possessed the Spirit of
Christ you would not belong to him.
Though your body may be dead it is
because of sin, but if Christ is in you
then your spirit is life itself because you
have been justified; and if the Spirit of
him who raised Jesus from the dead is
living in you, then he who raised Jesus
from the dead will give life to your own
mortal bodies through his Spirit living in
you.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to
God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 11:25.26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ! I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord; whoever believes in me
will not die for ever. Glory and praise to
you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Jn 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this
message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you
love is ill.' On receiving the message,
Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not
in death but in God's glory, and through
it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister
and Lazarus, yet when he heard that
Lazarus was ill he stayed where he
was for two more days before saying to
the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On
arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had
been in the tomb for four days already.
When Martha heard that Jesus had
come she went to meet him. Mary
remained sitting in the house. Martha
said to Jesus, 'If you had been here,
my brother would not have died, but I
know that even now, whatever you ask
of God, he will grant you.' 'Your
brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise
again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise
again at the resurrection on the last
day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection
and the life. If anyone believes in me,
even though he dies he will live, and
whoever lives and believes in me will
never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes,
Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are
the Christ, the Son of God, the one
who was to come into this world.' Jesus
said in great distress, with a sigh that
came straight from the heart, 'Where

have you put him?' They said, 'See
how much he loved him!' But there
were some who remarked, 'He opened
the eyes of the blind man, could he not
have prevented this man's death?' Still
sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was
a cave with a stone to close the
opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone
away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by
now he will smell; this is the fourth day.'
Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that
if you believe you will see the glory of
God?' So they took away the stone.
Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:
'Father, I thank you for hearing my
prayer. I knew indeed that you always
hear me, but I speak for the sake of all
these who stand round me, so that they
may believe it was you who sent me.'
When he had said this, he cried in a
loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!'
The dead man came out, his feet and
hands bound with bands of stuff and a
cloth round his face. Jesus said to
them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'
Many of the Jews who had come to
visit Mary and had seen what he did
believed in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.



Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 5th April

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:

Matthew 26:14-27:66