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Ascension Sunday, 24th May 2020

Readings

First Reading:

Acts 1:11

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Gospel:

Matthew 28:16-20

Eucharistic Acclamation

We proclaim you Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."



Mary Help of Christians

At the videoconference of the Australian Catholic Bishops last week they passed the motion: "That the Australian Bishops entrust Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the title Our Lady Help of Christians, seeking her intercession for the safety of all our people especially in this time of COVID-19 pandemic." Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is 24th May. But this year it coincides with the feast of the Ascension and so is transferred to Monday 25th May.

Entrusting Australia to Mary Help of Christians

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis. Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

On the Lighter Side

Meeting with my new priest, I asked if I could have vigil prayers and a requiem Mass when I eventually die. "Of course," he said, grabbing his diary. "What date do you want?"

Mass Intentions

Recent Death:

Russel McLoughlan

Sick:

Tony Hall

Darby Stanton

St. Patrick's, Kerang Parish Council Meeting

10th June 2020 at 5:00pm in the Church

Following the directives of the Vinnies Regional Council and the executive of the Kerang-Murrabit Conference, the local Centre in Scoresby Street has changed days and hours. The Centre now operates on **Thursdays from 1-4pm**. New guidelines have been set and are listed on the door of the Centre, clients must call first (phone number is on the door) and make an appointment. The usual questions usually reserved for face to face interviews will be asked, and the Vincentians on duty will prepare a food voucher package as is deemed necessary. No accounts are able to be paid at this time. Every effort will be made to maintain social distancing. The Kerang Centre has operated successfully like this since the Corona virus lockdown. National Council President Claire Victory has directed that "all home visitations will cease until further notice". We apologise for any inconvenience to clients and continue to pray for a cure for those afflicted, and the cessation of illness and death. Keep well!



Relaxations to Restrictions on Churches

The following will now be permitted in churches or other parish properties:

- Private prayer for up to 10 people (in addition to door attendant)
- Liturgies or prayer groups with up to 10 attendees (in addition to celebrant, ministers, door attendant, etc.)
- Funerals indoors with up to 20 attendees (in addition to celebrant and funeral staff)
- Funerals outdoors with up to 30 attendees (in addition to celebrant and funeral staff)
- Weddings with up to 10 attendees (in addition to bride, groom and celebrant)

In all cases, the following requirements apply:

- Distancing of at least 1.5m between attendees
- Signage at the church door specifying the maximum number permitted at any time, allowing 4 square metres/person
- A register of attendees, including: name, phone number, date & time of attendance
- Reasonable time between events to allow for cleaning
- Cleaning by wiping with disinfectant:
 - Frequently touched surfaces (at least twice/day)
 - Whenever a surface is visibly soiled
 - Immediately after a spill

Mass Schedule commences but limited to 10 attendees excluding the minister, reader, sacristan, etc., to cater for all parishioners the Mass will be 'invitation only' due to number of restrictions.

Kerang: Wednesday- 9:15am
Friday - 9:15am
Sunday - 10:30am

Pyramid Hill: Saturday – 6:00pm
Serpentine: Sunday – 1:30pm
(every other week)

Cohuna: Sunday - 8:30am

Mass for you at Home

TV Mass is Broadcast for you at 6:00am every Sunday CHANNEL 10



ONLINE MASSES LIVE STREAMING



There are many options for Mass online, including:

<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

Sunday Mass will be also be celebrated in Bendigo and be live streamed via the diocesan website at 10am:

www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Gospel Reflection

Each of the Synoptic Gospels concludes with Jesus' departure from earth and from the company of the Eleven. This year, Year A, Matthew's Gospel does not mention the Ascension. It gives the account of the Apostles last meeting with Christ, his command to preach, teach and baptise and his promise that he will be with them to the end of time. The first reading from Luke's Acts of the Apostles gives us a detailed account of the Ascension of Christ, of Jesus word's to them and their actions at the time of his departure and afterwards.

Spiritual Communion Prayers

My Jesus, I believe 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. I know You have already come; I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St Patrick's Parish, Kerang Planned Giving Program

As you will be aware our current Planned Giving Program is due to expire on the 30th June. Your Finance Committee advise that we extend the current pledges for the next twelve months as has been done in the past. If you wish to increase or decrease your pledge, or keep your Direct Credits going please contact myself Dennis Greenwood on 0439503723 or Marianne Kelly (Wednesday's on 54521041). If you don't need to change your pledge, then there is no need to ring. We will start pick up from church or delivering the envelopes mid-June. Thank you all, for continuing to send your gifts to the Parish during these challenging times. The mass starts up with small groups is a welcome and different experience so make sure you are on the lists to attend. Keep safe.

Dennis Greenwood, St Patrick's Parish Finance Committee.



There is a new Essentials of Safeguarding on-line module which is now available to all Parishes and is targeted at all volunteers /employees (it's a short course approx. 30 mins) it takes into account the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

To all Parish Volunteers, please give the parish a ring if you would like to do the on-line module at home, this is to upgrade our knowledge of the Child Safe Policy of the Parish and of the Diocese.



Planned Giving: If you wish for your Planned Giving to continue during this difficult time you could Direct Credit into the Bank.

Parishes Bank details:

KERANG:	BSB: 083543	Account No: 45742 3724	or drop in the letter box at the Kerang Presbytery
COHUNA:	BSB: 083543	Account No: 45740 7185	or drop in the letter box at St. Mary's Church (Parish Office Entrance)
PYRAMID HILL:	BSB: 633106	Account No: 169340536	or drop in Town's Post Office for Rachel Cain

If you wish a visit, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacrament of Anointing and Communion at home, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Novie on his mobile 0450185021 or email him novielitolim@yahoo.com.