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29th March 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent

This Sunday's Word of God: Ezekiel 37:12-14, Psalm 129, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AROUND THE WORLD, WE PRAY:

Let us pray together for doctors, hospital staff and volunteers who are giving their lives to save others. And for civil leaders who have to make decisions at this time. All these people are the pillars defending us in this crisis ... The God of tenderness will heal us of all life's wounds and of all the bad things we have done. Returning to God means returning to an embrace, the embrace of our Creator.

(from Pope Francis' Homily of 20th March 2020)

PRAY AT HOME: Updates, information, resources and links to online Masses are on our Catholic Diocese of Ballarat website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (or google Catholic Diocese of Ballarat). There is also a great new resource set up by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference catholic.org.au/prayathome that includes Prayers and Readings for each day, Online Masses and other resources.

MASSES SUSPENDED AND SUNDAY OBLIGATION DISPENSED:

In the light of the current Coronavirus COVID-19 crisis, Victoria's Catholic bishops and now Premier Daniel Andrews have asked for Masses and public liturgies to be suspended until further notice and we are dispensed from our Sunday obligation. Similarly its advisable to suspend our Lenten groups and all other gatherings etc.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: We're asked to avoid contact with others as much as possible so it's best to suspend bringing Communion to those at home and in care. Because of the time its symptoms take to develop, we need to regard each one of us as potential carriers of COVID-19 and take all possible precautions to not risk passing this on to those most vulnerable. Let's play it safe, be safe and particularly do our very best to care for each other's health during this exceptional time.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, REDBANK FOR SALE: This will be advertised soon. Inquiries and Expressions of Interest are welcomed by Kate Ashton at Ballarat Real Estate's Maryborough office, 94 High St. 5460 5100 kate@maryboroughballaratrealstate.com.au