

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS – April 19, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR A

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Welcome again to 'Our Community News for April 19. I sincerely hope everyone has had a peaceful and meaningful Easter.....no doubt a very different Easter for all of us.

All of us too, will have had numerous opportunities to experience the celebration of Masses and Easter liturgies online, and on TV, over the Easter period. One standout for me, was to be able to join in the live-streaming of Mass from St John of God Hospital with Fr. Justin via St Patrick's Facebook page. The message and simplicity of Fr Justin's celebrations has been very meaningful. A special thank you to Fr Justin and St John of God Hospital.

Today's Community News email has two other attachments - Second Sunday of Easter copy of 'The Saving Word', which contains the Sunday Readings and Reflection, and also an email forwarded from Carmel from Majellan Media. It features, 'A reflection during difficult times' by Fr Redempt Jawa CSsR. Thanks Carmel for this email.

I have been told by a number of our community that they are happy to help anyone in any way, so please get in touch with one of our members below, if needed.

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Recent Deaths: Karen Cockerell (Anne Beer's niece, Townsville). We pray for all the victims to Coronavirus throughout the world.

Anniversaries: Grace Mullane, Bill Broadbent, Betty O'Brien, Jack Taylor, Mons L. Fiscalini, Gwen Cook, Kenneth Mason, Brendan Mullane, Stan Stickland, Jean O'Loughlan, Shelia Fay, Peter Cushing, Jack 'JP' Collins, Jack Harney, Doug McCracken, Ivan Cuthbertson, John Francis Slater, David Sal, Helen Roxburgh, Brian Fleming & Jimmy Wall

Pray for all these friends of ours who are ill:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Fr Adrian McInerney, Shelagh Mulcahy, Valda Murphy, Michael Wise and all those in need of prayer.

Parish House News: Parish Council have approached Kim to give her access to the Parish Centre over the coming months. Kim is very appreciative of this.

Hello to our community from Fr Sajan Matthew. Fr Sajan sent a lovely photo of his Easter Candles in his church.



ROSTERS:

The newsletter roster will continue, but if any parishioners wish to contribute anything at all for inclusion, it will be greatly appreciated. This would be a great way to keep our little community in touch. Just simply put your contribution in an email.

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Church Grounds: Can parishioners please, from time to time, do a drive-by or even spend a few minutes parked in the church grounds, to ensure we have a presence around the place? I know Charlie does this, but we have been advised that during this time when it is commonly known that churches are shut, there is an increased likelihood of being targeted.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Mass of the Holy Oils has now been set aside for Monday, September 21st at 6.30 pm at the Cathedral.

Prayers of Intercession for this Sunday:

Dear friends, on Easter Day Jesus greeted his fearful disciples with peace. Let us take his greeting to heart and pray in peace for the healing of the world.

1. We pray for the health and wellbeing of the Earth, our common home. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes and in every war-torn land. May this year's Anzac Day observance spur us on to work together for a just and peaceful world. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

- 3. We pray for the church. May Christian communities everywhere be faithful to the teaching of the apostles, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.**
- 4. We pray for the Jewish community remembering the Holocaust this week. May Christians unite with them in faith, hope and love. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.**
- 5. We pray for civic authorities at every level in nations around the world. May they guide their communities through the COVID-19 crisis with wisdom and courage. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.**
- 6. We pray for workers putting themselves at risk by maintaining basic services. May they be valued for their dedication and kept safe. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.**
- 7. We pray for all most severely affected by the virus pandemic: the homeless, the mentally ill, the unemployed, the poor, detainees, and those without support. May they become the first to have their needs met. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.**
- 8. We pray for all who have suffered church-related sexual abuse and for their families, friends and supporters. May they speak out, be heard and be believed. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.**
- 9. We pray for the recently deceased, especially those who have died from the coronavirus, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they receive the heavenly inheritance prepared for them. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.**