

5th April 2020 (Year A)

NEWSLETTER

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



We are used to seeing the pope in St Peter's square with crowds of tens of thousands. What a contrast last Friday! What a poignant symbol of where we are.

Alone in the vast square, the pope walked in the rain towards a dais in front of the basilica. He prayed for the pandemic to end, blessed the world with the monstrance, and said, *From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the world, may the blessing of God, like a consoling embrace, descend upon you!* Solitude and prayer – symbol of our own task for the health and welfare of others.

Watch this short but very moving video clip of the event:

<https://youtu.be/nOLYQB8T>

As the storm clouds gathered and evening fell upon the empty plaza, the pope spoke of the fear of the disciples on the evening when Jesus stilled the storm at sea.

Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void that stops everything as it passes by; we feel it in the air, we notice it in people's gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially George Danen, Kathleen O'Connor, Patsy MacDougall, Archbishop John Bathersby, Joan (Denaro) Mulcahy, Betty Waldron, Rev Peter Conroy, Monica Castle and Felino Zamora **recently deceased and also for** Colin McMahon, John and Gary Fletcher, Patrick and Patricia O'Connell, Ross Saffiotti, Jarrett family, Aunty Joan Hendriks, Mary Morris and Annie Saunders.



Please remember the sick in your prayers –

James Bates, Jan Low (nee Stefano), Carmen Turner, Rob Stonier, Maureen O'Connor, Marlyn and John Chester, John Clarke, Jennifer Tuck (nee Moss), Yvonne Reich, Vivienne Ward, Rebecca Ward, Anna Harkin and Anita Xavier.

afraid and lost. Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other.

The disciples in the boat are alarmed. They wake Jesus and cry out, 'We are sinking... Teacher, do you not care if we perish?' Jesus calms the storm. The disciples' cry unleashes a storm in our hearts. We are shaken. But we hear Jesus' reply 'Why are you afraid...' Our vulnerability lies exposed, our need for solidarity with one another, our need for the saving power of God.

How many people every day, said Pope Francis, are exercising patience and offering hope, taking care to sow not panic but a shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday gestures, how to face up to and navigate a crisis by adjusting their routines, lifting their gaze and fostering prayer. How many are praying, offering and interceding for the good of all. Prayer and quiet service: these are our victorious weapons.

Let us pray for one another



Parish Priest

While restrictions are in place to protect the community and prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have ideas of ways you can celebrate your faith and connect with the Catholic community.



We encourage you to pray together as a family in this time of trial. The Sunday readings are attached with a commentary. Take some time at home to read the scriptures aloud and pray together as a family.

Watch Mass online – join us for a live broadcast from St Stephen's Cathedral 12:30pm weekdays, 8am and 10am Sundays at www.archbne.org/bzw. You can also watch an earlier Mass recorded on the same website.

Read the latest news from "The Catholic Leader" – in these unprecedented times, an online edition of the newspaper will be extended to all parishioners FREE. Keep faith with the leader at www.catholicleader.com.au



HOLY WEEK AT HOME - Practical suggestions were sent via email on Monday and are available on the Liturgy Brisbane website.

PLEASE NOTE ALL REMAINING LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS AND OTHER FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

- The sacramental program for PENANCE has been suspended until later in the year.
- The sacramental preparation for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is postponed indefinitely.
- ALL parish meetings are cancelled.

FUNERALS will be allowed to go ahead with very restricted numbers – normally immediate family only.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2020 - GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Caritas Australia and PNG partner, Centre of Hope provide family

programs, training, counselling and safe accommodation for women and children survivors of violence. Thank you for your ongoing support. **Please support PROJECT COMPASSION** this Lenten season.

YOUR PARISH is here to support you. The office will remain open five mornings each week. Please let us know if you hear of people in trouble and we will try to help.



Please continue to support your parish community by continuing your weekly offering via

- drop off your donation - *parish letterbox or office*
- direct debit donation– *please call the parish office*
- credit card donation– *please call the parish office*
- direct deposit donation to our bank account - BSB – 064 786 A/C - 006 031 500 (REF: surname)

LITURGY 6 April – 12 April

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD
Readings – Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



RING-AROUND

Why not set up a circle of people that you phone every few days?

They could be people you know from Sunday Mass or people in your neighbourhood. Are there older people who

are isolated and may need help? Start off by chatting and see where it leads. Let us help one another.



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP -

'S.U.P.P.' = Step Up Parish Project.

We are moving forward with our parish's key Social Justice initiative for 2020 - S.U.P.P. We aim to help resettle in Canada some 300 refugees who Australia has detained in Papua New Guinea and Nauru.

From next week there will be a dedicated place on our parish website devoted to S.U.P.P. This page will have live links where you can learn more about Ads-Up Canada and all that relates to our project. Listen to a refugee who has been resettled and learn how your donation will help a refugee live life to the full.

Want to Step Up? Add to our growing total of over \$1700.00 by **DONATING NOW**

Please consider how you can help by making a donation. There are two ways to give:

1. DIRECT DEPOSIT (preferred)
Account Name: Refugee Support
BSB: 064 786 A/C#: 100026385
Please use your name as a reference.
2. CASH or CHEQUE (direct to parish office)
Please identify as 'REFUGEE SUPPORT' and use your name as a reference.

Our **PARISH NEWSLETTER** offers Parishioners the opportunity of praying for the sick and publishing significant events in family life e.g. Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths. Families, who would like to take advantage of this, please have the details in writing at the Parish office by 9am Thursday.



VOCATION VIEW: Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life. Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Brisbane Vocation Centre on 3324 3351.

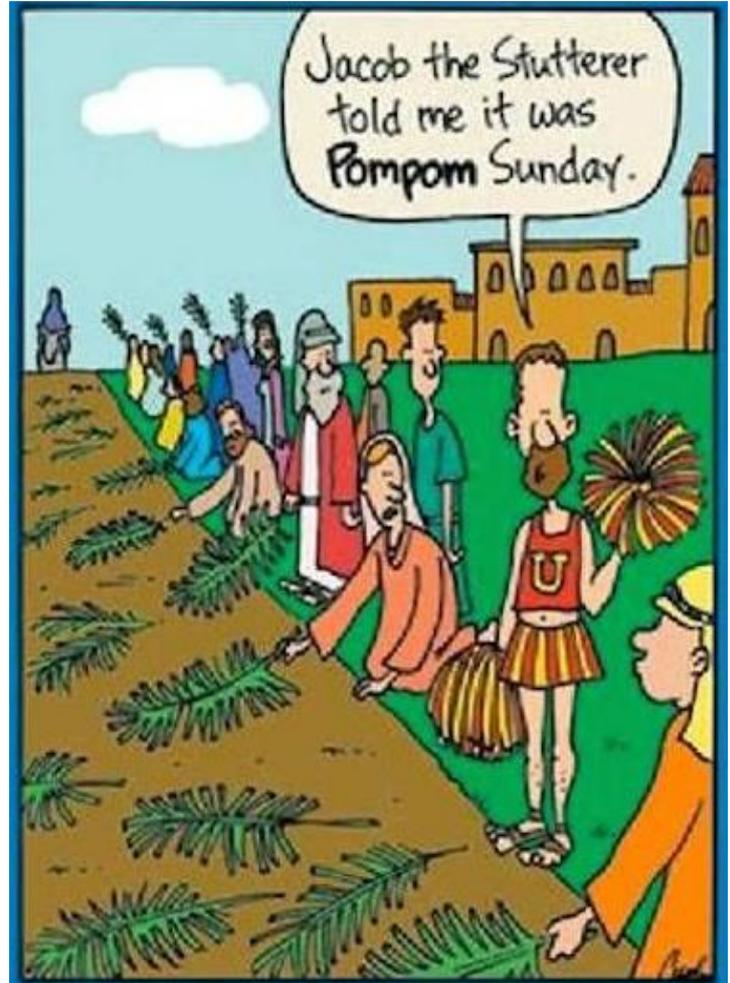


COLUMBARIUM The Parish's Fr Joseph Canali Columbarium is a beautiful chapel, a worthy memorial for those we love who have died. Memorial plaques for the wall can be ordered for those who have been buried elsewhere. Copies of the contract are available and niches can be purchased in advance. You can have a permanent place in the parish community and its liturgy by having your ashes interred in the sacred space of the Columbarium. Any inquiries can be made at the parish office.



JOSEPH AUGUSTINE CANALI
1841 - 1915

*A sense of humour is a gift from God.
Laughter unites us.*



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