

## SACRED HEART PARISH, TOOWOOMBA



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17 MAY 2020

6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*When Jesus is with the disciples, he is their friend and defender. But after his death and Resurrection, Jesus will return to the Father. At the Last Supper, he tells the disciples not to be sad because he will not leave them orphaned. He will send them the Holy Spirit who will act in his name. In our Spiritual Communion and Eucharistic celebration, the Holy Spirit is with us. Let us open our hearts to his inspiration.*

### BISHOP MCGUCKIN: UPDATE TO RESTRICTIONS TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC 14 MAY '20:

*"On May 2020, The Queensland issued a Stage 3 Roadmap to easing QLD restrictions in regard to COVID 19. We are in Stage 1 now and; Stage 2 commences on June 12 '20. Given the preparation that is required, CHURCHES MAY NOT REOPEN for general Mass attendance until you have submitted a COVIDSafe Plan to me for Approval. When the Parish has its plan approved, we may be able to approve an earlier opening of Churches for other occasions (Private Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament etc).....Please develop your COVIDSafe Plan, in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council and in accordance with the Diocesan Guidelines, which are based on the Govt Regulations. You will receive these shortly."*

The full text of Bishop McGuckin's letter will be on the Website. The Parish Pastoral Council is waiting for these Guidelines so that they can prepare the COVIDSafe Plan as soon as possible.

### CELEBRATING MASS DURING CHURCH CLOSURE:

1. View the live streamed Masses on the [diocese's website](#), via the [diocese's Facebook page](#) or the [diocese's YouTube channel](#). Please note that the stream will become active a few minutes prior to starting.
2. Website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome> - this excellent website provides links to Masses Online; Sunday Readings & Liturgical Resources; Holy Week Resources; Prayers and Scripture Readings
3. 'Mass for You at Home' is broadcast on Channel 10 each Sunday from 6am

### PRAYER RESOURCES:

1. Website: [www.pray.com.au](http://www.pray.com.au) - has many Resources including a 14-day online retreat prepared by the staff of Jesuit Communication. Though conceived to help those who must isolate themselves for 14 days during the coronavirus crisis, it is open to anyone to use at any time.

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY:

This Sunday, May 17, the Church in Australia will celebrate World Communications Day. It is observed a week earlier in Australia because of our liturgical transfer of the Feast of the Ascension from Thursday to what is elsewhere the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2020, which was released in January, focuses on the topic of storytelling. [The full text can be accessed here](#)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Due to new restrictions placed on us all, the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat am has ceased, meantime.

### **LAUDATO SI' WEEK:**

The 16th to 24th May is Laudato Si' Week to celebrate the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical (the 24th is the anniversary date). Caritas has created a collection of nature-based activities for the whole family that seeks to encourage a shared sense of awe and contemplation about nature, leading to a renewed sense of commitment and action towards the protection of the planet and people. These activities take into consideration the current pandemic circumstances, including restricted movements from the home, and the burdens of home learning and working from home responsibilities. These activities are a gentle way in which families can take some time to connect with nature and each other. [The new resource can be found on Caritas' website as a PDF.](#)

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office is closed until further notice. We are expecting to open as normal fairly soon. Rachael Basanovic has resigned from the Parish Secretary position, following the birth of her daughter. We are sorry to lose Rachael and wish her all the best for the future in her motherhood role. Peter Harbort who has been working hard during these difficult times as the temporary Assistant Secretary, will be appointed to the Parish Secretary role. Welcome to the position, Peter.

**CARE AND CONCERN GROUP:** Our aim is to ensure that all parishioners, have a nominated person, who checks regularly to see how the parishioner is managing and enquiring if they need any assistance. For those parishioners who do not have internet access, the Care and Concern Volunteer will pass on Parish information. Please consider becoming a Care and Concern Volunteer - contact Ann 043 242 1962.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Fr Roque to be contacted if necessary

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH:** Fr Roque and the Parish Finance Committee wish to express their appreciation to parishioners for their ongoing financial support of our parish, and appeal to parishioners to continue to do this in this current difficult time. For those who are using gifting envelopes or cash, would you be able to consider, if possible, making your contributions by direct debit or electronic transfers? The bank account details for anyone wishing to make direct fund transfers to the parish are as follows:

BSB 084961      Account number 029611980.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED: For all our sick:** those names in our usual weekly Bulletin; those with COVID – 19 and all those who are suffering and facing hardship, in any way, during this time

#### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love Thee above all things, and I desire to receive Thee in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as if Thou wert already there and unite myself wholly to Thee. Never permit me to be separated from Thee. Amen.*



#### **PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THE WORLD SUFFERING FROM CORONAVIRUS**

*"Father of goodness and love hear our prayers for all those in the world suffering from Coronavirus and for all who are in need at this desperate time. Amid the physical and mental suffering, may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you as you cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen."*

**SACRED HEART BOWLS CLUB:** Seek a coordinator to organise the activities of the Bowls Club. Anyone interested, please contact Carol Tame PH: 0439 084 141

**FATHER ROQUE:** *Please text me your Prayer Intentions – 0434 797 528, so that I can include them in my daily, private Masses. No Mass stipend is required.*

*May God bless us all and keep us safe and healthy during this difficult time!*