



# Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

*Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."*

**Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year A 11th/12th April 2020**



**HOLY WEEK REFLECTION**  
Fr Chris Monaghan

**These days are some of the most  
challenging and frightening  
we have encountered in the last fifty years.**

So many things we take for granted have been stripped away leaving us with a sense of loss, grief, dislocation, and vulnerability. Our technology normally gives us a sense of power and control, but this has been taken away by the spread of COVID -19 – a microscopic parasite thousands of times smaller than a grain of salt. It has no respect for borders, nationality, gender or religion. Such a small organism with such a terrible impact.

None of us would have imagined that it would bring our patterns of ministry, outreach, and public worship to a halt in the ways it has: no public gatherings, self-isolation, being locked out from visiting loved ones in nursing homes – the list goes painfully on and on for us all. A simple organism that has been described as being on the boundaries of what we call life is challenging life as we know it.

On the verge of entering into Holy Week, my thoughts turned to another single-celled organism we call yeast. In ancient Israel, yeast was removed from households for the week of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened bread (Exod 12:17). As precious as it was, once removed it served as a reminder of the Exodus journey from slavery to freedom.

One of the images Jesus used to describe the growth of the reign of God was that of the yeast in Matthew 13:33. This parable stressed how yeast, like a virus, works in hidden ways, and yet it can have an enormous impact. In order for it to do its job effectively, it must be worked thoroughly into the dough and left to do its work of leavening. Early Christianity could not operate in public, judged by many to be a destructive and corrupting influence on society. It needed to work in hidden ways, and yet it would go on to have an enormous impact on the world.

Fear, grief, panic, and selfishness are being quietly matched by compassion, kindness, and generosity as people of faith work the leaven of Jesus' message into this moment. Hope does spring eternal. New connections, and new ways of serving and worshipping, are emerging day by day. There was no synagogue or Temple for that first Passover – it has always been a feast to be celebrated in the context of family. This year our Holy Week will be the same.

**S**unday Mass is 'Live streamed' from the Cathedral: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/> **Mass on TV** Sun 6am Ch 10; Two Minute Homilies: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/>

**H**ere's something you can do from your own home: We are trying to build some sort of **Phone "Tree"**. (I am very concerned about people who do not have a computer or who are not on the Internet. Who is communicating with them? If they are parishioners, are they being kept in the loop with our parish activities? If they need to talk to someone for companionship, have they got someone? (because those services who used to come no longer can).

⇒ **THE CHALLENGE** – Finding out who those people in the above categories are. They usually have no family who live locally or care enough to contact them, they can be shy or not wanting to "bother" anyone, they could be stoic blokes who think "she'll be right" when it's obvious "she won't be!", it could be someone who never filled out our census forms wanting to keep private and we don't know their names or contact details, it could be someone, in our increasingly busy society just down from your place and you've never met them or know anything about them, it could be a younger person with a disability, it could be anyone of any age or gender!

#### **Ideas for you:**

⇒ If there's no one in your neighbourhood like that (have you considered your workplace now you are all working from home?) and **you would like to ring someone** and have a chat, send me your name and phone number and I'll pass it on to Maria who's our 'Care and Concern' coordinator. There may be no one for you to ring now, but in future there may be. Maria will contact you before assigning a callee to you, so no worries!

⇒ **If you don't know if there is anyone in your neighbourhood** like that, put your name and phone number in letter boxes in your street offering to help anyone if the need arises. Invite them to call you. (You might even print out a photo of you and the family to make the invitation less anonymous and more friendly. (I know one couple in our parish who received such a note in their letter box and, even though they didn't need the help, it was wonderful for them to "meet" the young couple who had moved in down the street a couple of months ago.) – **One of the blessings of this Virus** could be that **neighbourhoods become neighbourhoods again** and not simply somewhere to sleep while you live your life elsewhere.

Hello,

As I watch the community response to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are elements of global health challenges we've faced in the past and I'm reminded of the role the Sisters of Mercy and Mater has played as part of the broader response.

Nearly two hundred years ago when Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy, they were responding to the ravages of Cholera in 1832 in Dublin. When the Spanish influenza swept across the world in 1918, the Sisters of Mercy were there again. This time, in the newly established Mater public hospital in Brisbane.

So today, as Mater stands among other healthcare institutions in providing care and treatment for people with COVID-19, we can draw some comfort from those lessons in history and shape the best possible response we can offer to our community right now.

We're here today, playing our part in responding to the pandemic, because of you. You, and those before you, have put their faith and confidence in Mater for more than a century. You have helped to ensure that we can tackle this head on.

Right now, we're learning more about COVID-19 every day, and the actions we're taking to prepare, care and treat those coming through our doors, are consistent with healthcare best practice globally.

And behind the COVID-19 headlines, we're still here for birthing mothers, helping premature babies thrive, and giving hope and treatment to those living with cancer. This doesn't stop in times of crisis.

Over the last few weeks our staff on the front-line have been grateful and encouraged by the show of community support for the work they do. And as Mater continues to respond to the changing needs of the community over the coming weeks, months and beyond, your support will be as important as ever.

If you would like to [send a message of support](#) to our frontline Mater team members you can do so [here](#).

Again, I want to thank you for all you do in supporting Mater and the wider community.

If you are seeking Mater updates and the latest information about COVID-19, I encourage you to visit our website [here](#).

Look after yourselves and each other. And thank you for all that you are doing.

Yours in gratitude,

Nigel Harris

Chief Executive Officer

Mater Foundation Queensland

**The buddy system is working!** I have heard that the Latte Ladies were gathering this week using Zoom. Thanks goes to Louise Scott for arranging that for the ladies. Now more than ever before, it is so important to make a connection with someone. If you have received a phone call from some one in our community, perhaps pay it forward and phone someone too. Our lives and relationships will be richer through our interactions with one another.



## Awareness Examen

### A REVIEW OF YOUR DAY

#### 1. Ask God for Light

(Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path) Talk to God about your day.

#### 2. Give Thanks

What are you grateful for today?  
Thank God for this.

#### 3. Review the Day

What disappointed you today?  
Speak to God about this.

#### 4. Consider your Choices

Guided by the Holy Spirit, think about your choices today. Is there something you need to say sorry for and ask for God's help?

#### 5. Look Toward the Day to Come

Being a disciple of Jesus how can you use your gifts in the day ahead? Give thanks to God in your own words.



## TIPS ON HOW TO HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE EASTER

FOR MORE IDEAS [https://](https://www.liveforless.com.au/waste-less-easter/)

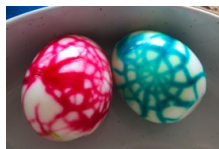
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Laudato Si, Chapter 4. Integral Ecology, V Justice Between the Generations: 161: "The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world. The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now. We need to reflect on our accountability before those who will have to endure the dire consequences."

### DYED EGGS

Items required: boiled eggs, food colouring, bread bags or saved bags from food, cooling rack or plate.

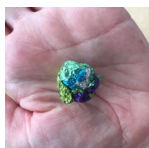
1. Boil your eggs and let them cool
2. Take an egg, tap cracks in two sides of the egg (or go crazy and experiment with more!)
3. Pop the egg in a bag and put in a small amount of food dye (we recommend saving bread bags or food bags for this step)
4. Manipulate the bag so that the dye covers the whole egg, then gently put the egg out onto the drying rack.
5. Repeat for remaining eggs and colours
6. Leave to dry then gently peel off the shell to reveal



your masterpiece!

### Recycling Aluminium Foil

The **Australian Aluminium Council** reports that aluminium (unlike plastic) can be



recycled endlessly without compromising any of its unique properties or quality. However, in order to be captured during the recycling process, the aluminium piece needs to be quite large – small pieces of Easter egg wrappings would be lost in this process, but you can fix this by:

- Saving all your Easter egg wrappers and making them into one large Easter egg ball (at least a tennis ball size is preferred)
- Keeping an aluminium can and putting all small foil pieces into the can until it's full before popping it in the

## Tennis Courts for Hire with lights

### CHEAP RATES!

Bookings available through the office Monday to Thursday



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Easter Sunday

12th April, 2020

**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

### Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You will be helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

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Lenten appeal.

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"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:2)



Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

### Tennis court Hire Restrictions due to COVID-19

We are bound by the Queensland Government legislation and Chief Health Officer public health directions. Our tennis courts fall under the category of Non-essential business, activity and undertaking Closure Direction (no.4). Tennis is considered a Social sporting-based activity and is limited to two people, with social distancing observed at all times. Failure to observe these directions can attract large fines for both the parish and for the players. Please do the right thing when using our courts. Social distancing at all times saves lives!

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**BAPTISMS** in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (**except during Lent**). For **BAPTISM BOOKINGS** please contact the Parish Office. **SUSPENDED**



### We pray for those who are unwell

Chris Stevens  
Jack Charalambous  
Maurice Drake  
Maria Rosa Arreguci  
Zuzarte  
Fr Ron Mollison  
Bushfire Victims  
Brian Becker  
Pam & Norm Ward  
Irene Johnson  
Ado Padayhag  
Mary Law



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK



If you are **going to hospital unexpectedly** for an op, let Fr Denis know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand

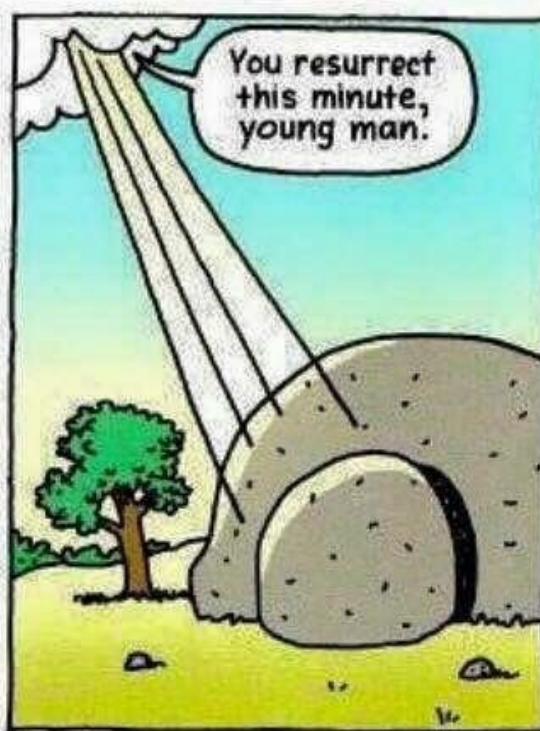
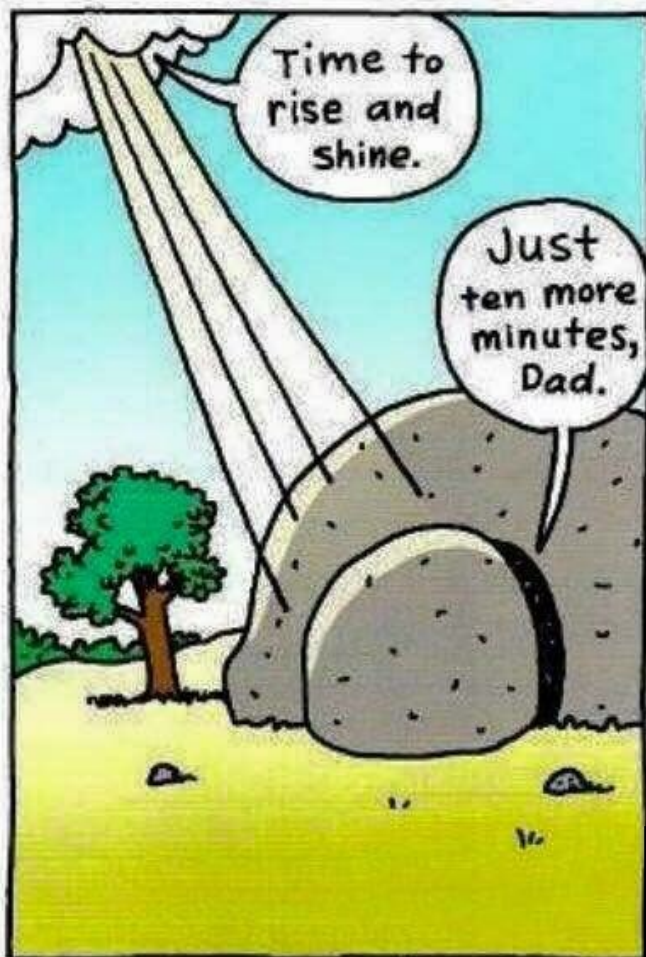
You may add a **sick person's name to the list by phoning the Parish Office (3356 7155).**



**To keep the list 'fresh'** the last names will be removed. If their illness continues, let us know and we'll add them to the start of the list.

### We remember those whose anniversary of death occur about this time including

*Gloria Patalinghug, Bienvinido Tolentino, Des OBrien, Sid Tynan, and all deceased Parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.*



**HAPPY EASTER**

### Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47  
2nd Reading: St Peter 1:3-9  
Gospel: John 20:19-31



### We pray for those recently deceased including:

Alex Pipe  
Fr Peter Conroy  
Archbishop John Bathersby  
Marjorie Moroney  
John Blumke  
Aunty Joan Hendricks  
Jack Hamilton  
Rita Butt  
Patricia Trudgian  
Vincent Jenner.

