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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

5th Sunday of Easter

10 May 2020

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The world has changed for everyone! It can be unsettling. Recently I became aware of the term liminal space. It is from the Latin word 'limen' meaning threshold. A liminal space is the time between the 'what was' and the 'next'. *"This global pandemic we now face is an example of an immense, collective liminal space."* (Richard Rohr OFM Meditation 2020)

I began to think of this space in the context of education, in particular schools, in which we have new anchor points. Sustaining connectedness and relationships in this new, current Learning from Home environment presents challenges. However, in this unknown space, life and learning continue to happen.

Schools are relational environments, made up of people - staff, students and families. Certainly, buildings and resources are important and add value, but it is the people who together develop the culture of a welcoming, authentic, learning community. In this current environment, school/college communities are drawing on each other, supporting each other, learning together.

Teachers are accessing resources and new ways of teaching that perhaps they have not previously accessed or imagined. As teachers, we have been called on to learn new ways of communicating and keeping in touch with our students and families. We are open to new modes of learning and to be being vulnerable and unsure as we juggle two quite different learning settings.

The setting may change but the fundamentals of good learning and teaching remain the same. We embrace the use of technologies to reimagine how students can be engaged in quality learning. We understand and value what it means to be a learner online. Perhaps the most exciting use of technology for our current situation is the increasing power of social media to enhance learning.

Not one of us has a reliable crystal ball. We don't know what lies ahead.

As educators, we are using this current crisis as an opportunity to learn about learning from afar. We are sharing stories of our successes as teachers and we are in awe of the amazing selfless engagement of our families in their child's learning. We are developing a collective efficacy and using this experience to learn how to best work with all students.

There is an imperative for us, I believe, as teachers in Catholic Schools, to provide opportunities for authentic engagement in prayer and meditation during this period of uncertainty.

The very vulnerability and openness of liminal space allows room for something genuinely new to happen to ourselves and to our community if we can provide these contemplation opportunities and sacred spaces and times.

Perhaps in embracing this 'in between' space, across our particular circumstances, we can choose hope and be open to new, exciting, unimagined possibilities. While this period can be and has been difficult, devastating, sorrowful and challenging for many, it may also be extremely rewarding, providing opportunities for gratitude, kindness, change and growth.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, teachers and friends. Through the love, care and protection they show for us, mothers help us to understand more of what God is like.

SCRIPTURES for next Sunday | 17 May 2020 | 6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel

John 14:15-21

THE MEANEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD

We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate lollies for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Coke and a takeaway for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labour Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property, or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things, other kids did. Sundays were reserved for church, and we never missed once. We knew better than to ask to spend the night with a friend on Saturdays.

Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mum was. I think that's what is wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean mums anymore.

<https://bible.org/illustration/meanest-mother-world-0>



"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father
except through me."
JOHN 14:6

Schedule of LIVE STREAM MASS

Tuesday: 10:00 am

Friday: 10:00 am

Sunday: 9:00 am

and

Church Chat with Fr Peter

every Tuesday

via the Parish YouTube channel

youtube.com/TheCatholicParishofBundaberg

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In relationship with Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we serve joyfully as a people beloved and called by God.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Wednesday: 5:30 PM Games Club

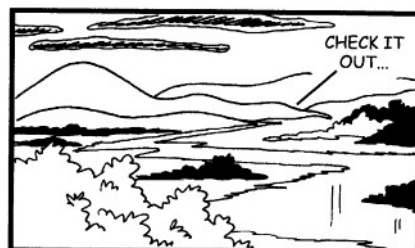
Thursday: 5:30 PM Youth Prayer

Friday: 7:30 PM Young Adults

* All via Zoom *

For more information, please contact
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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Lighter Side

What Next?



God was talking to one of his angels and said, "Do you know what I have just done? I've just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that great?"

The angel said, "Yes, but what will you do now?"

God said, "I think I'll call it a day."

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Terry Short, Michael Borg (Melbourne), Carlos Antolin (Philippines), Catherine Solano



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spread and stay
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