



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

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Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

4th Sunday of Easter

3 May 2020

FOCUS

by Fr Gasper Peruvellil

My beloved brothers and sisters in our Risen Lord, on 4th of May, International Labour Day is celebrated. I wish all the workers a happy labour's day even though most of the employees are locked down at their homes all over the world. At this stage, the world is passing through a severe pandemic; an infectious disease called covid-19 caused by coronavirus. Almost all the countries are affected by this deadly virus. Humanity is frightened in front of it for it does not have proper cure or vaccine.

However, the Holy Bible strengthens and gives us hope that "this sickness will not end in death but in God's glory, and through it, the son of God will be glorified" (John 11:4). Nothing in this world happens without the knowledge of God. In order to understand this reality, we have to read the gospel of John 9:1-3 where Jesus passed by and saw a man born blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him."

Recently, I happened to read and hear that many atheists raised questions such as "If God exists why does this pandemic happen?" and "Where has God gone?" I have a very clear answer to these questions, that my God has not gone anywhere but He is present everywhere especially in and through many committed doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are tirelessly looking after the covid-19 infected people all over the world. God's glory is seen in and through these generous people. Many of us are extremely sad and disappointed because the churches are closed. Please be assured that you can be spiritually united in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which is offered for all of us somewhere, every day.

Finally, my dear people I prefer to call this time neither worse nor curse, but 'kairos' (God's time in Greek) which means 'the appointed time in the purpose of God'. Every moment, every minute, every hour, every day, every week, every month, every year belongs to God. So this is a great opportunity for us to stay united with our brethren who are in need through prayers and in person. In today's world God doesn't have eyes to see, so He needs our eyes. God does not have hands, so He needs our hands. God does not have feet, so He needs our feet, etc..... So let's be the channels of God's love among the needy.

May God bless us all!

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
Elizabeth Kelly at 0456 635 542

SCRIPTURES for next Sunday

10 May 2020 | 5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel

John 14:1-12

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When you wake up in the morning, whose voice is the first one you listen to? Your own?

Someone else's? Or God? We all listen to someone and follow some sort of guidelines and principles. If it is a secular voice that propels us to get up in the morning and take up the task of the day's agenda, then we may find ourselves off track. The advice found in the Acts of the Apostles was as true then as it is now, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Most of what we listen to in secular voices is off the axis of truth and distorted. It may sound attractive, but it is deceptive at best. Many have gone astray like sheep and need to return to the Good Shepherd. Only Jesus can offer us the gate of life, and only Jesus as the Good Shepherd can really motivate us to take on the challenges of life. If we don't recognize his voice, we can risk facing destruction.



"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

JOHN 10:9

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



Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
in the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill
and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that
love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Terry Short, Michael Borg (Melbourne)

STAY HOME. *Stay Safe.*
SAVE LIVES.



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