

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH



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Mary Immaculate Church  
Emu Park  
38 Archer Street EMU PARK

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER 2020

### CAP COAST HAPPENINGS

 Many things still need to happen to keep our parish going. 'Zoom' is the new word of the week and catch up's, gatherings, conversations and meetings of many groups in the parish occur.

RCIA, Prayer reflections, Leaders' group & Finance meetings as well.

If you would like to join in via 'zoom' it is very easy so, please don't hesitate to join or ask if there are things advertised. Even a group that is not meeting yet can still do so if you wish, just send an email and we will work it out.



Over the Easter period as well, the **Sacred Heart Church painting** was completed, thanks Graham and the crew who did the work.



This last week we saw three staff from **ST BRENDAN'S** cleaning & working in our two churches making them sparkle.

Thank you for the very generous offer to help & the great job which they did, thanks Leah, Jocelyn and ladies.

The maintenance and gardening group, whilst social distancing, continue to keep both our churches looking great, even though people are not able to gather in them.



Thank you to each of them for the work that they do. The lawns and grounds are looking great.



This coming week a **shade sail** is being erected at Sacred Heart Church adjacent/attached to the Community room. This has occurred with the help from the **Queensland Cancer Council** and will add to the space and gathering area. Thanks for the help from them in being able to do this project and Andy who is putting it up over the next week.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**Lord you are the Good Shepherd  
who calls us by name and asks us to follow you.  
May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who you are calling to the priesthood & consecrated life.  
Give them courage to respond to your call to serve your church.  
May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully follow your call  
to holiness & proclaim the gospel to the world.  
Amen**

*Prayer for vocations with Bishop Michael this Sunday 7:00pm livestreamed on the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel  
For Vocations link click here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>*



**A MAILBOX has been installed at the Sacred Heart Parish Office for Planned Giving Envelopes or messages.**

**DON'T FORGET** at both **MARY IMMACULATE & SACRED HEART CHURCHES**

there is a pick-up area for any bulletins or resources for people if they wish to collect them from there and there is a DROP OFF BOX at Sacred Heart Church for people to use which gets checked daily.

**CONFESSION by Appointment contact the Parish office 4933 6171 or the Presbytery 4933 6824**

Check out the Parish Website <http://catholic.yeppoon.com/>

Join our daily reflections & updates Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CapricornCoastCatholicParish>

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful,  
enkindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.  
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,  
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Good Shepherd Sunday

This weekend we have the Gospel of John and Jesus tells the story about the *shepherd*. The one whose **voice the sheep listen too**. Traditionally this Sunday is also known as '**Good Shepherd Sunday**' and is a time to pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood or religious life. In this month of May we have been asked by Pope Francis to '**pray a decade a day for vocations**' during the month of May, a time particularly devoted to Mary and praying the rosary.

This maybe our focus for these coming days. But perhaps it can be even more than that. Thinking about this time of isolation, we could go a little deeper to **listen to the voice of God** asking us to see what Eucharist means for us. We yearn to come back to church, but what is it that we are coming back to? What is it that we have missed; and why? These are questions more than simply wanting our churches open again so that we can go to Mass. They are perhaps at the heart of the voice of the Shepherd calling us to a deeper understanding of the **sacrament of community, the sacrament of family, the sacrament of Eucharist being lived and made real in our world**. May each of us in these days *listen to the voice of the one who knows us*, the voice of Jesus calling us to him.

This week, I have listened to some of our **teachers and parents of your children**, and this time has been one of trials and tribulations and also of triumphs and achievements. Our teachers and school staff have done incredible work to reach out and educate your children and grandchildren. The dedication to the children in their care, whether that be in the class for some or for the many at home, what they have done is fantastic. **Thank you to all our teachers and school communities**, you are doing amazing things. To each of them and to all parents of these children, to grandparents, to carers, go gently, be kind to each other, and especially to your children. Go gently also with your own selves, this is a difficult and at times frustrating and confusing time, be kind to yourself in all that we are experiencing at this time.

Finally, last weekend along with many others in our community and around our nation, I stood at the end of the driveway and remembered those who have served and serve in our armed services for **ANZAC Day**. An amazing effort and sacrifice remembered. There were poignant moments and stories heard and told of so many. I was proud of my own grandfather who served and for all those who we remembered on that day. We continue to honour them all and those currently in service keeping us and our world a better place.

**We will remember them. Lest we forget.**

**Blessings to all for the coming week, take care and remember: Be kind, go gently and go with our God, amen.**

Fr Matthew

