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Mary Immaculate Church  
Emu Park  
38 Archer Street EMU PARK

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



### ***A Prayer for Mothers Day***

*Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.  
For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.*

*Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are part  
of our story as we are part of your story.*

***For their courage, faith, love & fierceness, we thank you.***

*Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us,  
but are mothers to us.*

***For their gift of themselves that they have given, we  
thank you.***

*For those women who have lost children.*

***For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for  
their lives we thank you.***

*In your name we pray. Amen*



**9:00am Zoom Saturday 9 May 2020**

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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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## St Brendan's Feast Day – *In the Midst of the Pandemic* – 5-5-20

Today as we come and celebrate this feast day of Blessed Edmund Rice, what an extra-ordinary time this is. This worldwide pandemic has devastated lives of nearly 100 hundred families here in Australia whose loved ones have died and hundreds of thousands of lives around the world. We see the daily news which tells of more lives lost. We keep them all in our prayers and we pray to an end of this pandemic.

This morning Fr Pius was up very early and posted on the College Facebook page a few thoughts on Blessed Edmund and some of the things which were important to him. Fr Pius said that he: ***was a role model for all of us, for parents, students and community.***

He said he wanted to: *educate, but not only that, but also feed and clothe those who were hungry for food and education and had very little in the way of anything.*

It struck me the last part of his telling about Blessed Edmund about our pandemic today. He went on to say that each morning he would: ***greet the boys at the front gate and shake their hand.***

Earlier this morning I listen to a pod cast about this very action: **shaking hands**. It came though human history that the shaking of the hand wasn't at first about a greeting but was about making sure the other person didn't have a weapon in his hand to kill the other. Today it followed on to what it is as a: welcome; a hello; a sign of friendship; a sign of peace; a making up of hurts. The podcast teacher said that it is a form of **'making a deal', a bond to another: a sign of peace and friendship.**

At the moment with the pandemic we cannot do that anymore: shake hands. It's some silly touching of elbows or foot touching. Beneath it all there is the human need to bond and say hello, to reach out to another in friendship to make that deal and say yes as Blessed Edmund said, he did it to all people to say: ***you are important, you have an inherent dignity, you are special.***

We want to go back to normal, but what is normal, if we simply go back to doing the same old thing and our same old ways, the transforming Christ and the example of who Blessed Edmund was for us today, could be watered down to something obscure, touching of elbows or feet in greeting.

For all the devastation this time has brought our world, there have been explosions of hope and an incredible outpouring of faith, hope and love. You might only be thinking of the extra-ordinary health workers, yes but there is more to it than that.

For example: To each of the mums and dads and families of this college, think of what has happened over these last weeks. Yes there may have been tears, frustration and anxiety; there may have been loss of income, some loss of freedom, but there was also time spent with those in your family, there was time spent getting to know your son in a different way, there was time to get to know your spouse and loved ones. Yes, they may have driven you mad, but it has also been a time of simply being with each other.

I've heard of stories of where children have bonded in ways they never had before, mums and dads, getting to know their children, spending time with them. Families being creative and standing out the front of driveways proudly honouring those who have gone before us, being imaginative in how to spend time.

I've heard of staff and teachers here in this college doing extra-ordinary things to help educate the boys and to help each other in these difficult times.

Thank you to especially those in this place who have modelled their lives on Blessed Edmund, who to all people are trying to say: ***you are important, you have an inherent dignity, you are special.***

We are a sacramental people, sacrament being an outward sign of God's action in the world. This time has given us two more sacraments to celebrate and give thanks for: the sacrament of family and the sacrament of community. With the model of Blessed Edmund to say to them and to us all: ***you are important, you have an inherent dignity, you are special.***

The next time we shake the hand of another, a family greeting, to a friend, to someone who we meet, you are making a new deal now, a new way, a new beginning for a **new normal.**

Let's not lose the opportunity as Christ said to his disciples and he says to us all: **Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me.** Christ says through Blessed Edmund to each of us: ***you are important, you have dignity, you are special.***

*Fr Matthew Moloney*