CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH



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Mary Immaculate Church Emu Park 38 Archer Street EMU PARK

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2020

BE NOT AFRAID

With all the tragedies and troubles of the world we really need to believe that we are a community — a community who prays together — connected to each other in and through that prayer. Whether it be at home, school, as we go for a walk, as we pray the rosary as we are able to celebrate Eucharist. The distance does not matter the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost brings us together in one voice of Hope. Physical distance or separation does not separate us from God or each other in these times as much as we long and yearn to be able to shake a hand in friendship, give a hug or share a story or laugh. There is a deep connection when we pray together with each other even though it may be from a distance. Together we are all praying to God.

Amidst the trials and tribulations of the world, our own trials and frailties and for those whom we pray, together as a community of faith in prayer, Jesus says again to us: 'Do not be afraid.' He then says: 'the things which are covered will be uncovered...the things whispered, shout from the roof tops.' As things are slowly coming back to being able to celebrate Eucharist and share with each other's company, we long for that day.

What will be 'uncovered' may be different from what we first might think. We have all been changed by these recent days and the Covid-19 pandemic. What we thought was important may not be anymore; the things we took for granted we will appreciate more; the importance of being able to gather not on our own but together will have a whole new meaning the next time we can!

We will and can 'shout from the roof tops' that our families and friends and relationship are the most important things in our lives. As we begin to gather even in smaller groups for Eucharist or prayer on line with each other, remember: that we do not do pray alone, cannot pray alone, but we pray with each other in spirit: with our God, with ourselves and each other.

Fr Matthew

For Fr Matthew's videolink message:

Click here for Fr Matthews Weekly Video Link

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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*** Mass is celebrated daily bookings are required should you wish to attend ***

Mass is held 12:00pm at Sacred Heart Church Monday to Friday and 9:30am on Sundays

Saturdays will be held at 12pm at Mary Immaculate Church Emu Park

For those who do not have access to the internet, a **roster** is also able at the church to book. For those who are vulnerable in health, **ALL Masses are lived stream via 'zoom'** (see the link below). Many already are using this to pray and gather with others.

Restrictions now allow for **20 people to attend Mass in the church**. Social distancing and Government regulations are still required. People are asked to **ring or email** to the parish to attend Mass at these times. To allow as many people as possible to attend, I am asking that people only book for **one Mass per week** and allow *working people to nominate for Saturday (Emu Park) or Sunday (Yeppoon)*, if possible.

There have been many days where there is availability for more people to attend so please spread the word and let people know that Mass is being celebrated.

Thank you for your understanding and faithfulness in these uncertain times, continue to reach out to each other and share the blessings.

Fr Matthew

Your touch is Christ's Touch.....

"If a child or a brother or a sister or a loved one of yours strays from the church in terms of faith practice and mortality, as long as you continue to love that person, and hold him or her in union and forgiveness, he or she is touching the hem of the garment, is held to the Body of Christ, and is forgiven by God, irrespective of his or her official external relationship to the church and Christian mortality. Your touch is Christ's touch.

When you love someone, unless that someone actively rejects your love and forgiveness, she or he is sustained in salvation. And this is true even beyond death. If someone close to you dies in a state which, externally at least, has her or him at odds ecclesially and morally with the visible church, your love and forgiveness will continue to bind that person to the Body of Christ and continur to forgive that individual, even after death. One"

Ronald Rolheiser, The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality

We pray for those who are

SICK

Kevin O'Keefe, Des Beard, Anton Schick, Maureen Bennett

DECEASED:

Annie Lehmann, Eileen Swayn, Neville Conway, Kevin John Ross, Sue Halberstater (Kabra), Howard Wright, Brian Schucksmith, Joy Johnson, Con Toonen, Stephen Marshall, Margaret Sexton

ALL PARISH MASSES & CONVERSATION HOUR – LINK ARE NOW THE SAME "LINK"

MASS is celebrated 12pm Monday - Friday & 9:30am Sunday at Sacred Heart Church & Saturday 12pm at Mary Immaculate Church.

All local Masses & Conversation Hour can be accessed via ZOOM each day with the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2771905464

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