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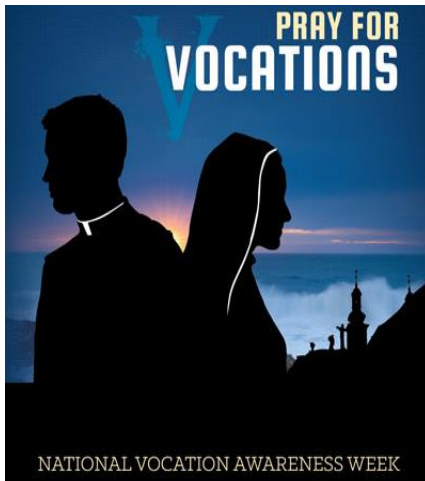
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**Mary Immaculate Church
EMU PARK**

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020



This week our priests are on retreat

Monday-Friday Mass will be online

[Online Mass link](#)

SUNDAY 9:30am Yeppoon (Booking Required)

MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH MASS

SATURDAY 12:00pm Emu Park

Online Bookings are required for Sunday Mass only

[Click here for the Trybooking link](#)

*100 people can now attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church &
50 people can attend Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
Social Distancing & Government regulations are still required*

We give thanks for CATHOLIC EDUCATION

This week we celebrate and to give thanks for Catholic Education. There are so many teachers and staff who have given so much and shared so much, with students and families and community. Thank you to our schools: Sacred Heart, St Benedict's, St Ursula's and St Brendan's. To all of the teachers and staff for your care and for looking after our children and giving them a catholic education and sharing the vocation of what it means to be a teacher, Thank you.

This weekend too, as we celebrate and come together in prayer, Jesus told the disciples to give of themselves and share what they had to the people that they were with. Jesus broke the bread, gave thanks, prayed the blessing, and fed the 5000. Jesus told the disciples to give them what they had and in doing so they shared so much with those that they encountered. Also, in our second reading it says 'nothing can come between us and the love of Christ'. When we give and share of ourselves, so much can change in our world and in the lives of those that we encounter. May we continue to share and give of ourselves.

For those who teach and share the Catholic faith thank you for that gift that you share, you give so much, broken open and shared out and poured out, thank you for that gift of sharing and your ministry of teaching. To all in our families and in our community thank you for sharing the faith, caring for each other looking after each other, may God continue to bless us and guide us in these times. Peace & God Bless.

Fr Matthew

For Fr Matthew's video link message:

[Fr Matthew's Weekly Video Link](#)



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Pope pens preface to book on hope in the Covid-19 pandemic

Pope Francis writes the preface to a new book entitled "Communion and Hope," and encourages everyone to rediscover solidarity amid the ravages of the coronavirus pandemic. *By Devin Watkins*

In a book preface released on Tuesday, Pope Francis reflected on the lessons Christians have learned from the Covid-19 pandemic. "Communion and Hope" was prepared by Cardinal Walter Kasper and Father George Augustin, and contains theological reflections from various authors about "witnessing the faith in times of coronavirus". "Like a sudden breaking storm, the coronavirus crisis has caught us all by surprise, abruptly changing on a global level our personal, public, family and working lives," he wrote. Many people, he lamented, have lost loved ones, as well as their jobs and financial stability. In many places, even Easter was celebrated in an unusual and solitary manner, and people were left unable to find solace in the Sacraments.

Finding roots of happiness

"This dramatic situation," wrote Pope Francis, "highlights the vulnerable nature of our human condition, limited as it is by time and contingency." The pandemic has also forced us to question the roots of our happiness and to rediscover the treasure of our Christian faith, he added. "It reminds us that we have forgotten or simply delayed attending to some of the key issues in life. It is making us evaluate what is really important and necessary, and what is of secondary or only superficial importance."

Solidarity in times of trial

The Pope called this "a time of trial" which gives us the chance to reorient our lives toward God.

"The crisis," he said, "has shown us that, especially in times of need, we depend on our solidarity with others. In a new way, it is inviting us to place our lives at the service of others. It should make us aware of global injustice and wake us up to the cry of the poor and of our gravely diseased planet."

Easter victory over death

Pope Francis went on to reflect on the meaning of the unique Easter that many Christians were forced to celebrate alone. The Easter message of Christ's victory over death, he said, showed Christians that we cannot remain paralysed in the face of the pandemic. "Easter brings us hope, trust and encouragement. It strengthens our sense of solidarity," said the Pope. "It speaks to us of overcoming past rivalries so that we may see each other, above and beyond any differences, as members of one large family, where we bear each other's burdens."

Contagion of love

The risk of contagion from a virus, added the Pope, should teach us how the "contagion" of love passes from one heart to another. "I am grateful," he said, "for the spontaneous acts of altruism and heroic dedication shown by carers, by doctors and priests. In these past weeks we have felt the strength which comes from faith."

Eucharistic fasting

Pope Francis said the initial phase of the pandemic forced governments to ban public Masses, leaving many Catholics to undergo a "time of painful Eucharistic fast." "Many found the presence of the Lord wherever two or three gathered in His name." He said livestreamed Masses were an "emergency measure" for which many were grateful. "But virtual transmission is no substitute for the living presence of the Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist." The Pope expressed his gratitude that Catholics in many parts of the world can return to a normal liturgical life. "The presence of the Risen Lord in His Word and through the celebration of the Eucharist will give us the strength we need to resolve the difficulties and challenges that we will face after the coronavirus crisis."

Renewed hope and solidarity

Pope Francis concluded the preface expressing his hopes that the book will help people discover "a new sense of hope and solidarity." "Just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the Lord will also accompany us in future through His word and through the breaking of bread in the Eucharist. And He will say to us: "Do not be afraid! For I have overcome death."

We Pray for those who are

SICK

Fr John Langtry (Syd), Kevin O'Keefe, Des Beard, Anton Schick, Maureen Bennett & Tess Guest

DECEASED

Nancy Busteed, Annie Lehmann, Patricia Dowling, Leo Langtry, Loretto Marsh, Margaret (Anniv), Lola Horton, Howard Wright, Brian Schucksmith, Joy Johnson & Fr Chris Schick (Anniv)



MASS, ROSARY & CONVERSATION HOUR ZOOM LINK

[Zoom Daily Mass & Rosary](#)

**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**