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PALM SUNDAY —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 5 April 2020

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion.

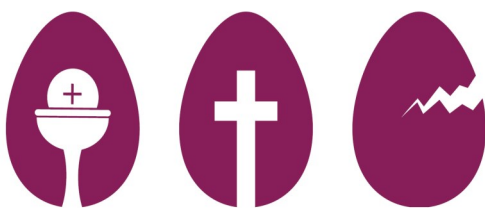
By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

**My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen**

HOLY WEEK

As we prepare for Holy Week, Bishop Brian Mascord, will be celebrating simplified online Masses and liturgies that will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel <https://dow.sh/> YouTube, Facebook page <https://facebook.com/WollongongCatholic> and website www.dow.org.au.

7pm	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper
10am	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross
3pm	Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
7pm	Holy Saturday – Mass of the Easter Vigil



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online with Bishop Brian Mascord

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Holy Week

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Lord grant them eternal peace & joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort

ANNIVERSARIES: Sandra Wise

PRAY FOR THE SICK Leo Bice, Christine Jupe, Ray Mason, Janelle Clifton, Peter Wood, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Mary McMahan, John Debono, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahan, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, John Prey, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macmara, Jim Matthews, Elizabeth Linsell

2021 ENROLMENTS

Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2021 are now available from the school office. If you have a child who will commence school next year please collect an application package from the school office. Should you know of any new families who might be considering enrolment for next year would you please pass on this information. We have had strong demand for places in recent years.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020:

The sacramental has been suspended. But we would like to be ready to run the programs later this year if it becomes possible. So, we are asking anyone, who has children that they wish to attend a Parish Sacramental Program this year, to contact the parish office, wither by phone or email (preferably email) to register your interest in having your child or children attend a Parish Sacramental Preparation program (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) this year. It is important that you register, as there may not be a great deal of time for preparation programs later in the year and if we do not already have your child's name they may miss out.

Eligibility requirements:

- All Sacraments: Your child should have been baptized. You should be satisfied that your child is ready to receive the sacrament.
- Reconciliation: Your child should be in year 2 at school or older.
- Eucharist (Holy Communion): Your child should be at least in year 3 at school or older and have made their First Reconciliation.
- Confirmation: Your child should be at least in year 6 at school or older.

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Confession will be suspended during this time of pandemic. Physical and moral impossibility excuses a person from confession, in which case reconciliation may be attained by other means, for example an act of perfect contrition. (Canon 960) An act of perfect contrition can be made by saying these or similar words: *"My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. I should love you above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin".*

If you NEED to have confession, please make an appointment to see Fr Peter.

MASS ONLINE AND OTHER SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving holy Communion.

Starting on Sunday 29 March, we will be premiering Sunday Mass online available at www.dow.org.au and on the diocese's Facebook page with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.

These online Masses will continue every Sunday (including the Paschal Triduum during Holy Week) giving parishioners the opportunity to make an act of Spiritual Communion together as a diocese.

For daily Masses, parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to access other home worship resources including:

- Mass for You at Home is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6:00 a.m. and any time on Ten Play
- Daily Mass on Demand is available at Cath-News YouTube channel
- Saturdays 5pm and Sundays 10am Mass from St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park
- Daily Mass from St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Campbelltown
- Daily 7 p.m. Mass and Sunday 10 a.m. Mass from Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Eagle Vale

The following resources are also available on our website to assist parishioners with their home worship:

- Liturgy and prayer resources from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.
- Daily Mass readings.
- Act of Spiritual Communion prayer card.
- Journey Catholic Radio is a Diocesan weekly podcast. It includes awesome music, a weekly Gospel reflection, interviews and a variety of weekly inputs from some of the best Catholic presenters in Australia.
- Faith Circles is free weekly single-sided A4 PDF resource that contains the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading as well as a reflection on the Gospel (usually by Pope Francis) accompanied by questions for discussion and prayer points. It is a great resource for individual and families to use at home.
- The diocese's Lenten Program is still available to purchase as a PDF and the MP3 resource is now available to download for free.

ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, parishes are urgently need the ongoing financial support of parishioners more than ever, as their overhead costs will not change. As the vast majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection baskets during Mass, we are encouraging all parishioners to join the electronic parish planned giving program. The Diocese have created a page with two simple options for parishioners to give to their local parish electronically. <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/>

ALTERNATIVE:

2ND COLLECTION—(ALL PARISH EXPENSES)
PICTON PARISH
BSB 066-711
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 001783

1ST COLLECTION— (PRIESTS & THEIR LIVING EXPENSES)
PICTON PRESBYTERY
BSB: 066711
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 002196

PARISH & COMMUNITY LIAISON – CATHOLIC CARE

Jane Hollier from Catholic Care, as part of her role has offered to be available for phone contact if you would like someone to talk to during the next couple of months of social isolation. Through Catholic Care, Jane may be able to link you in with some services that might make the next couple of months a little bit easier. Feel free to contact Jane on 0417 018 152. Jane is not providing counselling, just a friendly chat.

LETS PRAY TOGETHER

A call to commit to Prayer during the Pandemic every evening at 7pm: The faithful across the Diocese of Wollongong are urged to join with other members of the National Council of Churches, so that all Christians pray 7pm every night through until Easter Sunday during the Pandemic crisis.

PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD, AMIDST COVID-19

Gracious God,

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing.

We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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