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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR A

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 29 March 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

PRAYER AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH THIS TIME OF CRISIS

God of expansive and faithful love, giver and sustainer of life,
You know the depths of our pain as we journey through
this time of unknowing.

Hear our voices and the cry of our hearts.

Guide us to see the most life-giving ways open to us.

St Joseph,

Man of courage, you protected Mary and Jesus when they were in danger.

Cradle us now safely in this same protecting embrace.

May we, like you, extend this care to our world that is in need.

St Mary of the Cross,

you faced difficult times with a heart filled with trust,
always believing in the watchful presence of God.

Walk with us now in this difficult time,
and may we be for others, examples of hope and trust.

St Joseph, and St Mary of the Cross pray with us in this time of need. Amen.

God has said: "I will never leave you or forsake you."

So we may say with confidence,

"God is my Helper, and I will not be afraid."

Hebrew 13:5-6

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

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

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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.

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

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE FINANCIALLY:

The parish needs your assistance financially to ensure its future, if you would like to commence or continue giving, this can be done electronically by direct debit or credit card.

This is the link to use:

www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving

If you need assistance with this, please contact the parish office.

THOSE SOCIALLY ISOLATED: If you know anyone that would benefit from a phone call from the parish or catholiccare please let the parish office know.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday
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