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11TH / 12TH JANUARY 2020

FROM THE HEART

Rather than start this first full newsletter of the new year with a list of all the things I wish to resolve to do this year, I'd rather begin with a sincere, yet inadequate, thank-you to the many people who have helped make our parish such a vital the centre of worship, celebration and hospitality visited by an increasing number of people. Judging by the number of people who celebrated their Christmas with us we must be doing something right. Each year it becomes increasingly difficult to make sure that all of our Churches are places of welcome and inclusion. While it is wonderful to see so many people joining us for this festive time, my great wish is that the presence and involvement of those people which would be a more regular occurrence, giving us more enthusiasm to keep all our liturgies engaging and vibrant. Essentially, it's the more the merrier when it comes to celebrating Mass.

I can say this in all humility, since throughout the year many people, mostly visitors mention to me how engaging and welcoming our parish Churches seem to be. But as we know buildings are not welcoming, but people in them are. While we are all very proud of our wonderful church buildings, they really only come alive when they are filled with people wishing to honour God and their faith.

The consistency of providing opportunities for Mass and Reconciliation as well as weekly newsletters, lectors, servers, ministers of communion and collectors means that many people thanklessly undertake commitment to these services year after year, apparently happy to feel part of the parish life contributing in whatever way they can.

The management of the parish precinct and its complex requirements is a team effort involving secretarial and administrative staff, sacristans, welcomers, pastoral and sacramental leaders, hospital chaplains, volunteer support committees and boards, gardeners, maintenance people and cleaners. These people are the heart of the parish that we don't obviously see but without whom it would be impossible to keep going.

Of course the music ministry of the parish is an entire organisation in itself involving musicians, organists, singers, audio-visual operators and dedicated parishioners who make every Sunday and major liturgies a true celebration of worship and joy.

My final word of thanks is for the parish pastoral team who have so consistently ministered to our parish, such that we have not had to reduce any of the Masses this year, as often happens in the time of fewer clergy. These gracious people just step up to take on further duties, with little or no recompense. I particularly acknowledge my fellow priests in the parish, Fr Paul, who took on double duties during my health issues, as well as the generous assistance of our supply priests, Frs. Warren, John and Stephen, who despite claiming to be retired or involved in other duties, seem always ready to respond to the next unforeseen situation. Whatever 2020 holds for all of you who call Surfers Paradise your parish, I offer my sincere thanks for your constant support of the parish and its intention to be a place of welcome and praise for all who seek a place in this small part of the Kingdom.

Fr. Peter Dillon, Parish Priest

“The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm.”
As a Parish Community we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.

READINGS THIS WEEK: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34-38; Matthew 3: 13-17.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3; John 1: 29-34.

FEASTDAYS: Friday 17th: St Anthony, abbot.

IN OUR RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS: We have received a new supply of **Church Art Calendars** from the suppliers at a greatly reduced price of **\$2 each** while stocks last. Get yours now!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS go to **Colin and Cathy Ross from Sunday 6pm Mass**, who are celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary**. The best wishes and prayers of the Surfers Paradise Parish community are with you as you celebrate this wonderful occasion.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Rosina and Frank Smith for the week commencing **13th January 2020**. If you would like to take part in Our Lady's Rosary please contact **Patrick and Maxine Sela on 5539 9539**.

A VOCATION VIEW: Families are where kindness, humility, patience, and thanksgiving are lived and celebrated. People cannot truly teach these qualities unless they have experienced them.



CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO THE BUSHFIRE CRISIS

CHURCH LAUNCHES NATIONAL BUSHFIRE RESPONSE AS AUSTRALIA IS ENGULFED IN 'UNPRECEDENTED CALAMITY'

THE Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a national Church response to deal with the unprecedented scale of the bushfire crisis.

“The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary,”
ACBC president Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane said.

“This has been Australia at its best ... but we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough.”

The bishops have announced a five-pronged response to include:

A national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.

Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent de Paul Society to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.

Co-operating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries.

Parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal. <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

The distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities. As well as donations at Masses on Australia Day weekend, people are encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of Vinnies by donating online.

“Our experts on the ground – from agencies like Vinnies, CatholicCare and Centacare, in parishes and other Catholic communities, including Catholic hospitals and aged-care providers – know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild,”
Archbishop Coleridge said.

“With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

“Facing this exceptional crisis, we renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future.

“A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.”

LIBRARY NEWS: In his newsletter essay (Dec 28/9/2019) entitles, **Making the Year New**, Fr Peter wisely championed the practical effects of putting “balance” in your life. He also spoke of understanding issues which worry us and evaluating how you allocate your energy and gifts.

Throughout the Library shelf displays we feature books which you will find helpful in exploring Fr Peter’s advice.

Recommended are: **Living the Life that Matters** by Harold Kushner, it explores the craving we all have for significance. Discover the empowerment of hope with **Uncommon Gratitude**, by two great spiritual writers, Rowen Williams and Jean Chittister, and many books on mindfulness, prayer and family life.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER: KEEPING FAITH WITH YOU FIRST ISSUE FOR 2020

- ◆ Priests working in bushfire-ravaged districts of New South Wales and Victoria spoke of the “generosity of spirit” in the face of overwhelming destruction.
- ◆ Marian Valley is set to open the Blessed Peter To Rot shrine and about 80 Papua New Guinea Catholics will join the local PNG Catholic Community for the occasion.
- ◆ Brisbane Catholics remembered Fr Joseph Flannery as a great pastor and dear friend following his death.
- ◆ Rochedale parish priest Fr Baiyi Gong and his parishioners have been doing the saints’ work, extending Jesus Christ’s love into neighbouring religious communities.
- ◆ Missionary Sister Anna Pigozzo encountered the poor in Papua New Guinea and could not believe the conditions she found.

Opportunity to **CATCH UP** Mass and Catholicism Series

We have had a number of people who missed out on some or all of the weekly sessions for the Mass and Catholicism Series that we had in October and November 2019, plus we have a three more people who are enquiring into becoming a Catholic, therefore, to accommodate all needs, we will be offering the following CATCH UP sessions in the Parish Hospitality Room 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters:

Saturday 11th January: **Mass Series** - by Archbishop Mark Coleridge – 10.30am – 12pm
Catholicism – by Bishop Robert Barron - *Happy Are We* – 12.15pm – 1.45pm; *The Mystery of God* – 2pm – 3.30pm

Monday 13th January: **Mass Series** - by Archbishop Mark Coleridge – 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Catholicism – by Bishop Robert Barron - *Happy Are We* – 7.30pm - 9pm

Thursday 16th January: **Catholicism** – by Bishop Robert Barron - *The Mystery of God* – 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Peter and Paul The Indispensable Men – 7.30pm - 9pm

Saturday 25th January: **Catholicism** - by Bishop Robert Barron - *Peter and Paul The Indispensable Men* – 10.30am – 12pm
Amazed and Afraid - 12.15pm – 1.45pm; *A Body Bruised and Suffering* – 2pm – 3.30pm

Monday 27th January: **Catholicism** - by Bishop Robert Barron - *Amazed and Afraid* - 6.00pm – 7.30pm
A Body Bruised and Suffering – 7.30pm - 9pm

BYO cut lunch or supper – coffee and tea provided

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kevin Hayes, Marie Long, Dalibor Novak, Alan Russo, Paul Kiely, Fr John Barry, Hughie McEvevey (NZ), Robert Rathborne, Murray James Hill.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Gordon, Carmen Callus, Joan Enright, Brian Miller, Rosina Mascaro, Luciano Freda, Margaret Cooper UK, Enid Cox, Kent Moray, Harold Alexander, Remo Bos.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Justin King, Sr. Christine Chia, Kurt Hillehiem, Judy Ferraro, Jim Daly, Tony McLeod, Lionel Cunynghame, Ron Perry, Rosslyn Wallis, Jabour Haddad, Yvonne Lofthouse, Maureen Murphy, Helen Bohringer, Peter Walsh, Frank Conway, Jean Di Benedetto, Bernadette Gleeson, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Damian Callinan, Arthur Haddad, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne Campesi, Louis Couch, Steve Wayt, Pat Sulzberger, Judith Salvestrin, Denise Kuhne, Duncan Dawson, Rachel Raines, Hugh Tighe, Barry Moray, Frok Kolaj, Caitlin Webster, Peter Capolupo, Jenny Johnson, Miriam Busitel, Judy Marshall, Tony Seymour, Stephen Kynaston, Katrina Gallagher, Sarah Clancy, Rachel, Young-Pil, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Tricia Baumann, Joanne Parkes, Cecilia Calligan, Maria Trosic, Lucy Liwag, Aileen Van Zijl, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret Borg, Mark Miller, Michelle MacDonald, Julianne Conway, Peter O’Brien, John Stowers, Kim Parkes, Gus Reeves, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Frank Lyons, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr, Eileen McCarthy.

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY	TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY	THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY	FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY	SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART	9.00AM STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7.00am ST VINCENT'S 9.00am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH ST VINCENT'S CHURCH		Saturday Evening 5.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm	AND AND AND	Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS,
PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church

Please phone **3252 2200** for inquiries.

Italian: Sunday 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Fr Angelo Cagna CS **0423 648 736** Pastoral Support and
General Information - Connie **5575 8882**

Filipino: Next Mass, 2nd February, 12noon at Guardian

Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Will be at
Southport **each 1st Sunday.** MaryAnn Boehme **0416 331 233**

Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church

Fr Ignacio Gutierrez **0481118521** e: paterignacio@yahoo.com

Maronite Rite: Saturday 7:15pm Sacred Heart 3394 4994

C/- St Maroun's Parish, Greenslopes.

ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 8.30am-12.30pm in the Parish
Hospitality Centre (PHC) **In Recess.**

BOOK CLUB: In Recess.

BRIDGE: Mondays 12 noon & Wednesdays 1pm PHC
Cheryl **5538 8821.** **In Recess until 20th & 22nd January.**

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 20th February 2020.

SPCL: Next meeting Tuesday 4th February 2020

SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday Casey Hall
with Rochelle **0438 333 308** \$8 per session. **Returns 21/1/20**

YOGA: Tuesday 10:45am \$10/Per Session.

ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays 9:15am Casey Hall. Beginners and
Intermediate. Susana Mobile: **0421 607 397** \$12 session.

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

WEDDINGS: The Catholic Church requires 6 months notice. Please
call the Parish Office on **5572 5433.**

CARE & CONCERN: Medical Transport In Recess till 2020

BENEDICTION: 1st Fri 7th February 7:30am St Vincent's Church

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sacred Heart 9am: Next 12 January

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Tuesdays 10am Resumes 4/02/2020

& 6pm Resumes 14 /01/20 Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

COUPLES FOR CHRIST FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY AND LIFE:

Please phone Butch 0424 583 169 or Mini 0424 583 168

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY: 2nd Sunday of each month 10:30am
PHC Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 9 February 2020**

**EXPOSITION: St Vincent's Church 5.45am on Monday and
Friday: Thursdays from 9am-11am.**

Sacred Heart Church: **Tuesdays 9:30am; Fridays 7pm-9pm;**

1st Friday 7pm Friday 7th February to 7am Saturday 8th Feb.

**ROSARY: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am, and Monday
and Friday at 6.25am; Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays & Fridays
8:25am before Mass; Stella Maris Church: Wednesdays 8:25am
before Mass.**

**MARIAN VALLEY: Please join us at Marian Valley for Fatima
Day Monday 13th January.** For all Marian Valley Bus Trips please
phone: Paula on **0402 930 918** or **5582 7950** or Madeline on
0405 252 367 or **5529 1573.**

CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

Registering in parish Sacrament enquiry Youth Prayer request

Roster availability Other: _____ To commence Parish Planned Giving program