

# WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH Glen Innes

The Church building is closed  
BUT THE CHURCH IS OPEN AS LONG AS  
CHRIST IS RISEN

Sunday Cycle A (Year of Matthew) Weekday Cycle 2  
10 MAY 2020

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

162 Meade Street, GLEN INNES  
Telephone 6732 3045

Keeping in touch at St Patricks  
<http://gleninnesparish.org.au/blog>



### MASS for the 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER ONLINE

Join our Bishop Michael Kennedy celebrating Holy Mass this Sunday at the Cathedral Catholic Diocese of Armidale website: <https://armidale.catholic.org.au>

Mass available online around Australia:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome#Masses>

News update at St Patrick's  
Glen see our Parish Blog  
No Gossip just content !!!  
<http://gleninnesparish.org.au/blog>



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE DECEASED:** Ken Williamson, Margaret Burne, Vernon Turner Sr. Teresa Noon rsj (recently deceased)

**THE SICK** Fr John McHugh, Hazel Charles, Jill Hankinson, Pat Solomon, Rod Culbert, Daniel Owens, Simon O'Brien, Peter Hodge, Ave Pearce, Mia Henderson-Johnson, Michelle Owens, Christian Vimpany, Samantha Murphy, Ellie, Hope Spicer, Fay Lucus, Leigh & Irene Owens, Vicki Stevens, Vonnie Heffernan and Joseph Chacko.

#### CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

The Parish of St Patrick's Glen Innes and the Diocese of Armidale are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. [glen safeguarding@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:glen safeguarding@armidale.catholic.org.au) or Phone (02) 6732 5191

Consequently, future priests should be educated so that they do not become prey to 'clericalism', nor yield to the temptation of modelling their lives on the search for popular consensus. This would inevitably lead them to fall short in exercising their ministry as leaders of the community, leading them to think about the Church as a merely human institution. *The Gift of the Priestly Vocation ... §33. Ratio Fundamentalis.*



### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Every Blessing and Grace

A Prayer in Gratitude for  
Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,  
we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.  
- Author Unknown

### Printable Rosary Guides for May 2020

<https://wherepeteris.com/printable-rosary-guides-for-may-2020/>

#### Pope Francis writes:

*I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you.*



#### SUPPORT YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH

**1st COLLECTION** (supports St. Patrick's Presbytery)  
BSB 082-105 Account No 001023535

**2nd COLLECTION** (supports St Patrick's Parish)  
BSB 082-105 Account No 001000335

reference with your Planned Giving Number and your name.

## LIVING THE FAITH IN COVID-19 TIMES



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

Local Conference continues its support of those in need.

During the Covid-19 shutdown, members of the local Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society in Glen Innes continue to provide care and support to those in need. While our Vinnies Shop in Bourke Street is closed for commercial activities, the Conference has been providing food parcels, assistance with electricity and telephone accounts and furniture for people who have moved house and in need some vital household goods. To seek assistance, please contact the Conference on 0499 416 474.

The majority of ladies who conduct the Vinnies Shop in Glen Innes are Mothers and Grandmothers. We wish them a very happy and holy Mother's Day on Sunday.



### Care and Support

If in need of a food parcel or electricity account support please ring:

**0499 416 474**



### St Patrick's Pastoral Companions. Do you need contact or help from the Parish ?

A number of parishioners have offered to be Companions to the housebound, the shut-ins, the sick and the elderly should they need a pastoral companion. If you need assistance please phone John Adams on **0408 698 030** who is co-ordinator of this parish pastoral ministry.

#### Prayer for Our Bishop

Heavenly Father, in these trying times when the spirit of the age threatens Christian values, give our bishop holiness of life and wisdom to direct and guide our diocesan family so that we may grow in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

#### Prayer for Pope Francis

V. Let us pray for Francis our Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V. May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R. And upon your son whom you have anointed.

Let us pray. O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant, Francis, whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may attain life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen

### A Prayer in this time of challenge

**God of Love**, we the people of the Diocese of Armidale turn to you with prayerful hearts and with confidence in your loving presence among us now and in every moment of our lives. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May we be comforted by your love in these anxious times.

**Generous and Merciful God**, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear.

**Healing God**, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbours. We pray especially who those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

**God of Strength**, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

**God of Wisdom**, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

**O God of creation and God of life**, we, your people in the Diocese of Armidale place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead.

We make our prayer through the intercession of Mary our mother, and all the saints.

May all the saints of God, pray for us **Amen!**



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5 May, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I write to you to provide additional information about the **managed return to school at St Joseph's School, Glen Innes.**

In Week 1 and 2 of Term 2, schools are officially open to the children of frontline workers only. However, no student will be turned away from any Catholic school in the Diocese of Armidale. **From Week three of Term 2, the managed return of students to face-to-face learning will commence. This will be in a number of phases which will be communicated to you as the situation progresses.**

Therefore from Monday May 11, the following information applies:

### **Learning experiences**

Students who attend school will undertake the same online learning experiences as those students who continue their learning from home. Therefore, it remains an individual family decision as to whether students return to school or continue their learning from home.

### **High-risk students and staff**

Students who meet the [NSW Health definition](#) of 'higher risk' should not attend school for any reason. Students who are displaying any signs of illness must also remain at home. Please be aware that we have staff at our school who meet the NSW Health definition of 'higher risk', and these staff members will continue to work from home. Staff will also be required to stay away from school if they are displaying any sign of illness.

### **Health and hygiene**

We remind parents that your child's mental health and wellbeing is an important consideration in the decision to have them return to school. Centacare has expanded its [services](#) to ensure that support can still be provided during this period. Students are still able to access the free and confidential counselling service by calling Centacare Armidale on 6738 7200.

The Catholic Schools Office is making every effort to source ongoing supplies of hand sanitiser for use in schools and to enable additional cleaning where possible. St Joseph's School has implemented additional cleaning.

### **Stay home if you are unwell**

If your child is unwell, they are to remain at home until symptoms resolve and, where appropriate, seek advice from a medical practitioner (and call ahead first).

### **Students who become unwell at school**

In accordance with our school policy and existing procedures, students who become unwell at school will be moved to the sickbay. Parents will be called to collect students who are unwell.

### **Social distancing and student behaviours**

Students will be required to socially distance at school. Parents are encouraged to discuss with students the importance of social distancing requirements and to encourage students to travel directly to and from school and home, and not visit other places such as shops during their travel.

### **Pick up and drop off times and social distancing for parents**

Drop off will still be via the Church St Gate. Pick up will revert to both Meade St and Church St at the following times.

Staggered pick up times.

3.10 -Kindergarten - Church St Gate

3.15 year 1 - Church St Gate

3.20- year 2 Church St Gate

3.10 stage 2 - Meade St Gate

3.20 stage 3 - Meade St Gate

Buses as normal

Parents are asked to ensure that they follow social distancing requirements and not congregate with others. Parents at the Meade St pick up are asked to wait in cars and parents at Church St to wait outside the school grounds at the gate at the end of day.

### **Timetabling of attendance at school for Phase 1**

After you receive this letter you will receive individual correspondence through the Compass app and email as to the day scheduled for your child/children to attend school with their class teacher (where possible) during Phase 1 of the managed return to full-time attendance. Children of essential workers are welcome every day and will continue to learn online in groups supervised by a rotation of teachers, as has been the case throughout this situation.

### **Attendance**

If your child continues to learn from home, their attendance will still be recorded.

### **Term 2 Sport**

All Diocesan and Interdiocesan school sport scheduled for Term 2 has been cancelled.

Please be assured that staff at St. Joseph's School will continue to work together to provide the very best remote learning experiences for our students and to support their pastoral care and wellbeing during this challenging time. Please contact me if you would like to discuss your family's individual needs during the managed return to school.

Sincerely,



Maria Mowle  
St Joseph's School  
Glen Innes, NSW 2370