

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
19TH APRIL 2020

2nd Sunday of Easter

(Divine Mercy)

This Sunday has traditionally been called
Low Sunday

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



THE SUNDAY READINGS 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please note the following livestreaming programme for Sunday 19th April, 2020. Access is via the Cathedral Parish Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SMJCathedral> and later on the Diocesan website, Facebook page and YouTube channel

CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE DECEASED: Margaret Burne, Vernon Turner Sr. Teresa Noon rsj (recently deceased) Noelene Mary Lane and Enid Phyllis Crogan Fr. Bernie Melville (Manilla),

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.

Caritas – PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

DO YOU HAVE PC BOXES AND CASH TO HAND IN?

We know that many of you may not be able to hand in your PC Boxes, or cash, to parishes or schools at this time. Did you know that you can go online at "lent.caritas.org.au" and securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. Alternatively, if you require assistance with your PC Box or cash, please call our friendly team on 1800 024 413.

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/#blank>

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain; it does not come up against a tombstone. A single phrase astounds the woman and changes history: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Lk 24:5). Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give into resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. *Pope Francis.*

St Patrick's Glen in Covid-19 Time

In these strange times of isolation and social distancing our parish here in Glen seems to be going pretty well.

What has been happening:

The Liturgy of the Church is celebrated Daily in communion with our Bishop Michael Robert Kennedy and in union with the whole Body of Christ around the world. (No Mass on Thursdays).

People are praying the prayers our Bishop sent us for this time of the Virus

Coronavirus Prayers

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AkNtGxKBi8TBhY0kiWK2I1HXqwbUng?e=0waSUI>

Parishioners are looking out for one another and making phone calls keeping others company and checking on how they might need help. People are ringing even ringing Fr Gleeson to see if he is OK. When Fr Gleeson rings parishioners for a pastoral call everyone seems to think he is after money!!!!!! But he is only being PASTORAL. Some parishioners are using their exercise time to pray the Rosary and listen to Catholic Podcasts from their phones via earphones.

Noelene Mary Lane and Margaret Joan Burne have passed to God in recent days - both received the full sacramental rites and prayers for a good Catholic death the one in Hospital and Glenwood, the other in Hospital. The care, support, and concern of health workers in our Hospital and Nursing homes is second to none. Mass has been celebrated for Noelene and Margaret and their families have been met and our prayerful support of them in the grieving has been assured.

This is a great time to get involved too with life in the Church and around the world.....the quickest way to do this is via the Parish Blog site: <http://gleninnesparish.org.au/blog> and our Diocesan website: <http://armidale.catholic.org.au> Live stream Mass links are available on this site too. Two website sites of note area CathNews <https://cathnews.com> and also Where Peter Is? <https://wherepeteris.com> (this site is faithful and loyal to the Holy Father and challenges the borderline schismatics causing so much division in the Church today and their relativisation of the Liturgy of the Church - excellent podcasts available here - young committed professional married Catholics talk intelligently and with fidelity to the Church)...and for "brainy Catholics" Church Life Journal is rich <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu>. What is happening in the world of young adult Catholic theologians and philosophers eg.. Notre Dame University Sydney...that the Awkward Asian Theologian Dr Mathew Tan <https://www.awkwardasiantheologian.com/blog/2020/4/10/good-friday-love-in-the-lockdown> will do the trick.

OUR PARISH AS A POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER....this is a time for parishioners to PRAY DAILY for God's protection in our time and for an abundance of healing grace....the Rosary, maybe while going for a long walk, the Prayer of the Church on *Universalis* App, Prayer Reading of the Liturgy of the Word for the Day (see our parish website www.gleninnesparish.org.au); sitting reflectively with the Sacred Scriptures especially at Eastertide with the Acts of the Apostles and Gospel of St John.

There is really a great deal we can do, and as our Bishop said in one of his earlier communications to Priests - "we should not underestimate the power and the importance of doing little things"...for each other.



Care and Support

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

0499 416 474

number is available for anyone in the community in need of support to ring and receive a response.

Since setting up the Conference Help line, when the Vinnie Shop closed, the Conference has received 6 calls for assistance with food parcels and financing short term accommodation needs.

The Conference is still able to support community members with difficulties meeting their electricity accounts. The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has moved to enable access to Electricity Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) Vouchers through a phone-only procedure during the Covid-19 crisis. At this time, local people can ring the Conference Help line and will be guided through the process. Importantly, the DPIE has increased the amount per half year support from \$300 to \$400.

The Federal Government has made changes to its social service allowances to meet the living needs of those on low income. The first financial support has been the \$750 Coronavirus Payment provided to most people on government allowances, over this past fortnight. The second change is to the new Jobseeker Allowance (formerly known as Newstart), taking effect from the first week of May, which will double the old allowance to \$1100 per fortnight. There is a six-month sunset clause for this new allowance.

The Conference is attempting to keep in touch with its members through a periodic newsletter, providing a spiritual reflection, information about the special programs the Society has developed to support members to fulfil their care and support roles and a report of local support that has been delivered.

Since the closure of the Vinnies Shop and an appeal to our generous donors to hold off on making any donations at this time, the clothing bin is not being 'filled' as it usually is in normal times. However Shop volunteer, Stephen Hogan, makes periodic visits to the clothing bin to bring in any items that are dropped off at the Shop. These donations are transported to the St Vincent de Paul Society Distribution Centre in Armidale for sorting, storing the best for shops once they reopen or on-sold to other groups who specialise further recycling or provision of rag bags.

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.

The Care and Support operations of the local Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society continues to support those in need. A Conference Help phone

Thank you for your support.

The Parish Stewardship Committee would like to say thank you to everyone for your continued and very much appreciated financial support of our parish finances in these difficult times.

It is vitally important that we maintain our financial support at current levels to ensure that we support both our parish priest and maintain our parish facilities.

If everyone gives a little, then collectively that equates to a sizeable weekly sum.

Whilst it is noted that our parish church is closed at the present time Father Gleeson remains busy maintaining contact with those in need, dealing with the sick and dying, organising funerals as well as saying Mass everyday as normal. Please continue to remember Father in your everyday prayers.

The finance committee would like to advise that the sale of the land at Emmaville to the Emmaville Central School appears to be now progressing following a meeting with our solicitors this week. This matter has now been on the table for some time and it is pleasing to note some progress at last.

Remember, deposits for the support of our priest and parish can be made through the ADIG (BSB 082-105) using the account numbers:- Clergy & Presbytery: 001023535 / Parish: 001000335.

Thank you all again for your ongoing support.

May Our Risen Lord bless 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.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Unable to attend Mass you are encouraged to make and Act of Spiritual Communion.

My Dearest 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.