

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

29TH MARCH 2020

5TH SUNDAY of LENT

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Keeping in touch at St Patricks

<http://gleninnesparish.org.au/blog>



The Sunday Readings 5th Sunday of Lent

<http://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>

Parish Catholic News this Week

<http://gleninnesparish.org.au/blog>

Diocese of Armidale Website

<http://armidale.catholic.org.au>

(Lenten Reflections available)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE DECEASED: Gordon John Williamson, Joyce Tarrant, (recently deceased), Patrick & Grace Giles (Anniversaries)

THE SICK Fr. Bernie Melville (Manilla) 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.

VINNES CARE AND SUPPORT CONTINUES BUT SHOP CLOSSES

Care and Support to community persons-in-need will continue from the St Vincent de Paul Centre in Bourke Street.

Interviews for support will continue to be offered between 1:00pm and 3:00pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

People in need can contact SVdP on 0499 416 474

Due to the increasing need for people to protect themselves by not congregating and being in close proximity to each other, the Vinnies Shop will be closed for the immediate future from Monday, 30th March.

Donations of pre-owned goods can still be left at the Blue Bin at the Centre and will be cleared regularly for sorting, retaining or on-selling. We appreciate the support Vinnies receives from the public of Glen Innes and hope we can return to usual operations as soon as this epidemic comes to a conclusion.

Praising the "silent witness" of men and women who serve the sick, the elderly, the lonely and forgotten, the pope said that those who give witness to the Gospel are "like Mary who, having accepted the angel's proclamation, went to help her cousin Elizabeth who needed it." Pope Francis 25th March 2020 Apostolic Palace Vatican.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS FROM ST PATRICK'S GLEN INNES NSW

As from Midday Monday 23 March 2020 the St Patrick's Church building **WILL BE CLOSED,**

This remains so until further notice.

Committed Catholics are urged to pray daily and on Sundays Access the Mass Online, Reading the Readings of the Day, Making a Fervent Spiritual Communion and Pray the Rosary as a Family

Web: gleninnesparish.org.au

HELLO PARISHIONERS OF St PATRICKS IN THE LOCK DOWN OF CHURCHES

We are back in the Early Days of European Settlement in Australia when Catholics had no Churches, no Priests and therefore no Sacramental Life and especially hard no Sunday Mass.

They held to the faith through prayer, study of the Catechism, the Prayer Reading of Sacred Scripture, and of course the centuries old Family Rosary. And they cared for each other as neighbours. It was far from being an easy time for our forebears in the Faith. Quite the opposite....

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will no longer take Holy Communion to the Housebound and the Sick. Fr Gleeson will do that in cases of emergency.

Parishioners are asked to pray daily, and seriously for some time, seeking God's protection and an abundance of healing grace in our world at this time. I will be in regular contact via emails out, SMS Broadcasting, with parish leaders via WhatsApp Groups and by phone to parishioners. My job will be to pastorally care over the phone, by email, and messaging...to help allay fears of people who will be in social isolation and naturally very worried, and to pray for you as I celebrate daily Mass in spiritual communion with the whole Body of Christ the Church throughout the world.

I will only enter Nursing Homes when permitted, in cases of emergency,, and upon request.

Committed Catholics are urged to pray daily and on **Sundays Access the Mass Online, Reading the Readings-of-the-Day Make a Fervent Spiritual Communion. And Pray the Rosary as a Family. Catholics should pray the ANGELUS 9am, 12noon, and 6pm when they hear the Bell chime.. This is an ancient devotion of our Faith.**

Those who have forgotten how to pray the Rosary can download a **How to Pray the Rosary** on this link: <https://wherepeteris.com/printable-rosary-guide-for-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

SUPPORT YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH

1st COLLECTION (supports the clergy & 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. Last week-ends Planned Giving \$627.00 from 27 envelopes, Loose money \$2.00 and EFT \$290.00

St Patrick's Pastoral Companions. 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. Registered and Authorised so far as Companions—**John Adams, Kerry Muir, Dianne Newman, Adi Ritchie, Patsie Newsome, Kay Correy, Loma Wright & Christine Swords.** There will be some training. Companions will NOT enter homes. They will endeavour to make contact daily with their "neighbour" and see that they are going OK - checking if they need anything. Should they need a bit of shopping this can be done and left at the front door. Social Distance is maintained at all times. Registering for a Pastoral Companion please phone:

John Adams on 0408 698 030

Online Masses

Daily Mass with the Holy Father

<http://www.catholicv.org/shows/pope-francis-daily-mass>

Mass on Demand

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>

Bishop Kennedy Advises:

In light of the most recent restrictions announced by the Government please note the following:

BAPTISMS Baptism may be postponed for at least six months unless there is danger of death. The guidelines of using an instrument (glove, cotton bud or cotton ball) for the anointings and of not touching the person are to continue to be observed.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Individual anointing of the sick is to continue complying with the guidelines of using an instrument (glove, cotton bud or cotton ball) and holding hands above the head of the person.

WEDDINGS There is to be a maximum attendance of no more than 5 people at any wedding—the bride and groom, 2 witnesses and the celebrant. Social Gathering rules apply.

FUNERALS are to be attended by a maximum of no more than 10 people. The usual social distancing rules apply.

LIMIT UNNECESSARY VISITORS A strong recommendation has been made for all Australians to limit unnecessary visitors to private homes including private events in homes. This also applies to presbyteries. I understand that some parishioners may wish to gather at the Parish office/Presbytery to connect with other people, but this should be discouraged.

OUTDOOR GATHERING In outdoor spaces people are not to congregate in groups. This will mean that care needs to be taken when arranging a place to hear Confessions. Chairs placed at a safe distance away from each other for those waiting.

Sacramental Preparation Programmes

First Confession; First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programs are suspended until further notice.

CONFESSION TIMES

The Sacrament of Penance so loved by parishioners of St Patrick's Glen Innes will continue to be offered to penitents each Saturday evening 5.00pm -5.30pm under the Flowering Dogwood Tree in the Presbytery Gardens..should the weather prove inclement then on the Western Presbytery verandah.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Unable to attend Mass your 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.

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. 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

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