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KEEPING THE FAITH IN A COVID19 WORLD

With the suspension of Mass and so many of us isolated due to the current coronavirus pandemic, how do we pray at home.

Every family is unique and their family prayer life will be too, so what works for one family would be impossible for another.

However, whether it's highly structured like the Rosary or Divine Office or less formal like meditation or spontaneous prayer, there is a style to suit every family.

Whether your kids are five days, five years or 15 years old, it's never too early or too late to start family prayer.

Creating a Space

You can make any space in your home a place of prayer; the dining table, kid's bedrooms, the living room ... wherever it is most comfortable or makes the most logical sense can be a sacred space.

Whether you pray in the living room or on one of the kid's beds or around the kitchen table, having a dedicated space keeps everyone focused and creates a visual reminder that we are a Family of God.

Essential Items

A crucifix or cross, One or more candles, A Bible or Missal, Prayer cards with your favourite prayers, Rosary beads

Optional Extras:

Icons/pictures of Mary, Jesus or the Holy Family, Images of your favourite saints, Children's Bible, Divine Mercy Chaplet beads, Decorative cloths in seasonal colours, Book of Meditations, CD player or speakers to play music

Your family altar or sacred space doesn't have to be large; even the smallest of apartments has room for a shelf to keep a candle, crucifix and Bible.

Timing is everything

Creating an awesome family prayer routine means starting small and picking the right time where both you and your kids will first, remember to do it and second, make it easier to form a habit. The 'right time' will look different for every family and will change over time too. Here are some suggestions to get you started.

Morning

Traditionally a hectic time for many parents with school-aged children and teenagers however with families now in isolation and not rushing to get out the door it could be a great time for quiet devotion. Reading aloud the Gospel of the day as your kids eat breakfast is a great time just keep prayers short and simple.

Day Time

While so many of us are home schooling, having your family prayer time during the day allows for more flexibility to work around weekend activities and the active social lives of teenagers. Try the Angelus at noon, or take some time for an afternoon meditation with Taize chants or a family Divine Mercy Chaplet at three o'clock. If you're really brave, you could give an entire family Rosary a try!

Source...<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/keeping-the-faith-in-a-covid19-world/>

The Doors of the Church are shut, but the life of the church continues through our prayers ...

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HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

Caring for Each Other:

As a community of faith, we are called to be aware of those around us in the community. Please keep in touch with each other and be particularly mindful of people who may be on their own. If you need assistance or know of someone who requires assistance from the Parish, please contact the Office and we will follow up.

Parish Newsletter:

Paper copies are available outside the Parish office. If you know of someone who is not already on our mailing list to receive digital updates please invite them to contact our parish office (3262 2859 or clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au) with their email address or encourage them to follow us on Facebook.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If anyone would like to receive this Sacrament of penance, please contact Fr Biju on 0470 212 502 (thomasb@bne.catholic.net.au) to arrange a suitable time. Again, it is vitally important that social distancing is maintained in an appropriate place to celebrate the Sacrament.

Receiving of Holy Communion

If anyone would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Fr Biju to make an appointment.

Planned Giving and Parish Contributions:

Many thanks to those who are dropping their Planned Giving Envelopes into the mailbox near the door to the Parish Office. You are also welcome to contribute on line through internet banking. Details as follows:

Account Name: St Agatha's Parish

BSB Number: 064 786

Account Number: 0061 36002

Reference: Your Envelope Number and Surname (if part of Planned Giving) or PG-Surname (if not part of Planned Giving)

Phone us if you need more information about this option.

Caritas

Thank you to everyone that has supported Caritas Project Compassion and also to everyone that has dropped off any envelopes through the slot near the front door.

TEMPORARY ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES: All public Masses are suspended, and Sunday obligation is also suspended.

Third Sunday of Easter

Readings and reflections are attached with this newsletter



First Reading Acts 2: 14, 22-33
Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Anzac Day - Lest We Forget

Anzac Day is one of Australia's most important national commemorative occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

LIGHT UP THE DAWN ON ANZAC DAY

This year, stand in your driveway, on your balcony or in your living room to remember all those who have served and sacrificed.

HOLDING YOUR ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT HOME

At 6am, you can stream an audio file from <https://rslqld.org/News/Latest-News/Light-up-the-dawn> for a short commemorative service from wherever you are at home.

Order of Service

Acknowledgment of Country

The Ode – RSL Queensland President Tony Ferris

The Last Post – Australian Army Band Brisbane

A minute's silence

Reveille – Australian Army Band Brisbane

The National Anthem – Australian Army Band Brisbane



Please join us and the rest of Australia in this special moment #ANZACspirit #lightupthedawn

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.



In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently

Ross Caruso, Majella Foster, Margaret McHugh

Those whose anniversaries occur about now.

Jim See

And those who are sick:

Brittany Hanschen, Edward Chan, Duncan Pegg, Charlie Richards, Noreen Martin, Kateri Byrnes, Dhirend Akhil, Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Nick Newton, Eugene Gaynor, Lauren Carney, Patricia Beveridge, Janice Lewis, Michael Blanchard, Colleen Smythe, Flynn Crowley, Lyndell Sawyer, Ray Pavey, Michael Cashman, Donald Morrisson, Joseph Tam, Bryan Weaver, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, James Elliott, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Dell McHugh, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Regina Hwan, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, El Purwo, Patrick Gallagher, Hellen Passente

We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Fr Biju

Parish Administration

Parish Administrator: Fr. Biju Thomas
Parish Secretary: Mrs Rosemary Greer
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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

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Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

A PRAYER TO COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Most Merciful and Triune God, we come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear. We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died
into Your Eternal Home. Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in Your care.
(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)
Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

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Parish Buddy

The Parish has set up a “Parish Buddy” program to keep the community connection going during these unprecedented times. We have been particularly focused on keeping in regular phone contact with our elderly and most vulnerable parishioners for a chat and to offer assistance where needed. We further extend an invitation to you or anyone you know of that would benefit and appreciate a call from us during this time. Please let us know via email or give us a call so we can team you/or others up with one of our Parish buddies.



Anzac Day

Anzac Day Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday at 11.30am:
<http://archbne.org/bzw>

Watch Mass live

The weekday Mass will be live streamed at 8am and the Sunday Mass will be live streamed at 8am and 10am

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Turn on your device

Make sure your computer, iPad / tablet or smart phone is connected to the internet.

2

Open your internet browser

Google Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer, Firefox, or whatever you usually use to surf the web.

3

Go to our website: archbne.org/bzw


4

Watch Mass live

Click the play button on the video on this page

You can also watch archived Masses on the webpage archbne.org/bzw when there is no Mass being shown live.

During difficult times we can be grateful for Small Blessings given and received. Share yours at www.smallblessings.com.au

To stay up to date with news from the Archdiocese and for more prayer and reflection resources follow us on Facebook  at www.facebook.com/archbne or @archbne.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

Homilists on this Sunday's readings will doubtless wish to focus almost entirely upon the Gospel. Luke's account of the appearance of the risen Lord to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is generally agreed to be his masterpiece, as rich in narrative art as in its theology. More of this in a moment.

The first two readings, rich in themselves, are dominated by the figure of Peter. The First Reading, Acts 2:14, 22-28, presents an extract from the sermon given by Peter following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (2:1-11).

As with any good homilist, Peter begins with the experience of those who hear him (though unfortunately the Lectionary has omitted this part of his speech [v. 15]). He then relates this experience to all that has happened to Jesus Christ. Finally, appealing to Scripture, he shows that all is in accord with the pre-announced plan of God. Peter's words are blunt: "You killed him ...". But what he is about is not accusation or blame but conversion of heart. By raising Christ from the dead, God has swallowed up the evil involved in his death and turned it into an outpouring of salvation. The appeal is: "You have this second chance. Align yourselves now with the power of the risen Lord"....*Australian Catholics*