

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS – April 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY also called PASSION SUNDAY

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Welcome again to 'Our Community News', which is a means of keeping our faith community in touch, updated and supported.

Today's Community News has 3 attachments :- 1) Palm Sunday copy of 'The Saving Word', which contains the Sunday Readings and Reflection and 2) a letter from Sue Searls who is Ballarat Diocesan Director for Caritas Australia. This letter outlines information for those wanting to send their Project Compassion Donations as well as thanking people for their generosity. The other attachment is a flyer to advise that Channel 7 News will stream The Lord's Passion at 3 pm on Good Friday and Easter Sunday Mass from 10.30 am across the country on Channel 7 and on Prime 7 in regional areas, and live-streamed on 7plus.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS:

For those of our community who use FACEBOOK, Fr Justin is saying Mass from St John of God Hospital and it's being 'live-streamed' at 11.30 am daily. It can also be watched later. If you search for Patricks Cathedral in the search bar of your Facebook page, you should be able to access this. Or try this link

<https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9>

I have been told by a number of our community that they are happy to help anyone in any way, so please get in touch with one of our members below, if needed.

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Thanks again Maurice for a suggestion for us to Google MISSIO – Daily Message from Pope Francis (which you sign up for). Another suggestion is this link for Passion Sunday is <https://stpaulcenter.com/audio/sunday-bible-reflections/all-is-fulfilled-scott-hahn-reflects-on-passion-sunday/>

Another excellent resource is <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/prayers-of-the-people--palm-sunday-year-a--5-april-2020>

Recent Deaths: Paul Heenan, Monica Lawlor (Sr Shelia's sister)

Anniversaries: James Fay, John Wildenberg, Hedley Cook, Molly Dixon, Fr Luke Fay, Phillip Russell, Dorothy Davis, Pope John Paul 11, Carl Gustus, Teresa McDonald, Ellen MacAuley, Mathew Delaney, Graeme Loader, Tony Carnes, Phon Briody, Patrick Briody, David Owens, Peter Geddes, James Vernon Liston, Dawn Wilkinson, Irene Hiam.

Pray for all these friends of ours who are ill:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Fr Adrian McInerney, Shelagh Mulcahy, Valda Murphy, Michael Wise and all those in need of prayer.

Hello to our community from Sr Helen, Sr Shelia and Eileen Mcmanus. Over the past couple of weeks contact has been made with Sisters Helen and Shelia and also Eileen and all wish to be remembered to our St John the Baptist Community. They are keeping us all in their prayers.

ROSTERS:

The newsletter roster will continue, but if any parishioners wish to contribute anything at all for inclusion, it will be greatly appreciated. This would be a great way to keep our little community in touch. Just simply put your contribution in an email.

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Church Grounds: Can parishioners please, from time to time, do a drive-by or even spend a few minutes parked in the church grounds, to ensure we have a presence around the place? I know Charlie does this, but we have been advised that during this time when it is commonly known that churches are shut, there is an increased likelihood of being targeted.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Mass of the Holy Oils has now been set aside for Monday, September 21st at 6.30 pm at the Cathedral.

Prayer:

Thank you Genevieve for this lovely reflection:-

Let Your God Love You.

Be silent.

Be still.

Alone.

Empty.

Before your God

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be silent.

Be still.

Let your God look upon you.

That is all.

God knows.

God understands.

God loves you

With an enormous love.

Quiet.

Still.

Be.

Let your God –

love you.

by Edwina Gateley