



St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish

EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

Pastoral Letter to Parishioners

3rd July 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I had just organised for Fr. Justel to come over for a meal and a catch up next week when I had to cancel due to him being in a lock down suburb. I'm sure that we all know people who are in the hotspot suburbs and are currently in lockdown. As we have all experienced the lockdown restrictions and acknowledge the impact that it can have particularly on our mental health, it may be appropriate for us to check in with our family and friends who are back into lockdown. Let's remember that we are all in this together.

"Together in the Spirit" is the theme for this weekend's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. As a parish we are invited to raise our awareness of Australia's first people's and continue to embrace their rich Dreamtime spirituality into our own liturgy. We know that God has been present to all people since the beginning of time. The gospel reassures us that God calls us all especially those who "labour and are overburdened" and that God will give us rest. May we take the time to stop and pray to our God who desires to help carry our cross.

"You can't ask that" is an ABC series that poses certain questions to a group of people who have a common interest. The year 12 students from St. Bede's have put together some questions that were put before myself and Fr. Peter and we were recorded during the week. It won't make the ABC series but it'll be posted on the website very soon!!

Stay warm and stay safe,

St. Mary of the Cross....	pray for us.
St. Brigid....	pray for us.
St. Louis....	pray for us.

Fr. Andrew