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All masses and liturgical gatherings are suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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Sunday 10th May 2020 5th Sunday of Easter– Year A

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion! Alleluia!

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MAY - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



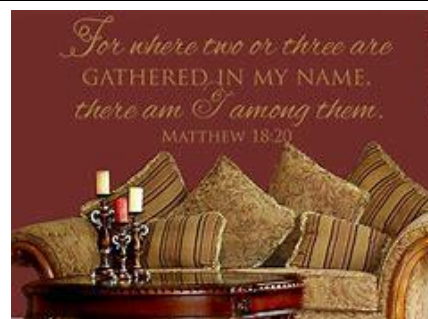
12th St Pancras
 13th Our Lady of Fatima
 14th St Matthias, Apostle
 21st St Christopher Magallanes
 22nd St Rita of Cascia
 25th St Bede & St Mary Magdalene
 De'Pazzi
 26th St Philip Neri
 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH GROCERIES, PHARMACY COLLECTIONS ETC....?

Please call the parish 9593 2122 as we have some generous volunteers who are willing to assist.

Easy online thanksgiving payments can now be made via this link:

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/donate.aspx?eventId=52905&spid=5635700>



HOW TO CONTINUE MASS AT HOME DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Follow this link for weekday & weekend masses

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Live telecast of Mass on TV and online

We are happy to share that during this time of physical isolation, the 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will be televised free to air on Ch 44 and live streamed on our YouTube channel and website.

Mass For You At Home

Channel 10 – 6am Sunday morning or on demand via

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

St. Alphonsus Liguori, recited this prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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.



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Living the Gospel

The Way, the Truth and the Life

When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

Happy Mother's Day

O Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we thank the Lord for the great gift of motherhood.

Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history.

You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Give them the grace of Your love so that they can join in giving their own "Fiat".

May they find daily strength to say yes to the vocation of motherhood.

May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

Amen.



MAY GOD BLESS & KEEP YOU SAFE

Fr Ian Ranson – Private Mass

I will be running a daily private mass by myself.



If you have any special intentions please call or place a note in the parish letterbox anytime or email to BrightonEast@cam.org.au.

We remember those who have died recently

Loretto Mary Thynne

For those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Irene Mackey, Patrick Fardy, Christine Fardy, Rachael McCarthy, Rosemarie Conti, Sheila Eichhorn, Fr Ross McKenney



