



Regents Park Catholic Parish

Comprising of St Bernardine's Church, St Catherine's Church
and Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

17th May 2020

'Let all the Earth cry out to God with Joy'

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are saying a Mass everyday.

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**Wednesday 9am Mass and
Sunday 9am Mass.**

We the Catholic Communities of Regents Park Parish, guided by the Holy Spirit; commit to building a welcoming, inclusive, faith centred community grounded upon the Gospel values of leadership and service.

Dear Parishioners,

We begin the Sixth Week of Easter this Sunday. Towards the end of the Easter season we move from the contemplation of the resurrection appearances to meditation upon the continued presence of the Risen Christ with his Church through the Spirit. The Church is a community in which the Spirit is given and shared. The Holy Spirit has been playing an important role in the life of the Church.

Jesus said to the apostles at the 'Farewell Meal' in the Gospel of this Sunday: *"If you love me you will keep my commandments."* This commandment, as we know, is the commandment of love, love of God and neighbours/others. Keeping the commandment, we can say, is the touchstone of the love of Christ and the indwelling of the Spirit.

Jesus taught us this love in his preaching, teachings, and his life. He loves even to the point of death. His love continues after his death and resurrection in a lot of ways among which Eucharist can be seen as the best way to experience and explore Christ's love for us. When we gather at any Eucharistic celebration and receive his body and blood for our life, we re-live the unique love of the one who died and has resurrected for us, the love of the one who is always present with us. He is the risen and living one, the one who invites us to enter deeper and deeper into the circle of God's love, the one who promises as he did to the apostles: *"I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever"* so that we can be helped to keep his commandment of love.

In this challenging time of the Pandemic, we can not go to church for the Eucharist. However, we can spiritually and visually participate in the Eucharistic Celebration online. We do believe that the Holy Spirit is always at work in the Church, and inspires us to explore more and more on the love of God for us, for our family, for our parish, for the world... From the easing of some restrictions, we do hope that we can go back to the church soon to celebrate the Eucharist and other prayers as we did. I always 'keep the fingers crossed' for this.

We all know and have certain experiences of love in many respects. As disciples and followers of Christ, we are invited to respond to this unique and unconditional love of the risen Christ, in words and in deeds, even in tough and difficult circumstances.

May God bless us all!!

John Hong.

Ministry Matters.

Welcome to the Sixth week of Easter. Six weeks in and still we are limited in what we are able to achieve in our lives at this time. COVID 19 has indeed changed our world. But it has not been all bad for us. The media reports on families who are doing great things together, sharing picnics in the park, sharing time just walking for exercise, and perhaps minimizing the stress of the busy-ness of life even to the wonder of maths classes for mums and dads at home.

COVID 19 has indeed changed our world. Amazingly, what COVID19 has also brought, especially for priests and people involved in the still on-going life of the Church, is a greater ability for communicating without leaving home. 'ZOOM ZOOM', as the old Mazda ads used to say, but now ZOOM is a communicating portal where people can meet face to face and still meet to discuss the significant issues impacting upon our lives today.

Even me, who knows so little about the cloud that surrounds us with information, even I have become a ZOOM, ZOOMER, and it is amazing. I have meet with the priests fo the Deanery on Zoom, I have met with different parish teams on Zoom to talk about the issues affecting the life of our parish making plans for post COVID (whenever that may be). I have even met with Archbishop Mark, Bishop Ken and the College of Consultors in the Archdiocese on ZOOM, and have stayed at home while doing so, and talked to people in Gympie. I am hooked!!!

Now, I am wondering just how to use this amazing portal, ZOOM ZOOM, to make contact with ordinary everyday parishioners so that we can still meet and chat over coffee and yet not leave the isolation of our homes and offices. I am thinking of making contact with parishioners by e-mail on a Saturday Morning at 10:00am, setting a meeting schedule and inviting people to link in. With the guidance of our parish staff, all younger than me, who know all of the ins and outs of computers, I might just see how we can achieve such an endeavour.

So, if you receive an e-mail from me about a meeting on Saturday Morning at 10:00am, please respond. I am hoping to make contact with a small number of parishioners each Saturday so that we can meet and talk with one another. If you want to chat, please email through and you can be added to the list. We may not know each other, but through ZOOM, it will be a chance for us to stop, have a coffee together, and chat about the world. That's the plan. See how we go. So remember ZOOM ZOOM and let's chat.

God Bless John Conway

Recently Deceased: Theresa Thu

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Rite of Reconciliation

Please know in this difficult time, if you would like to seek Reconciliation, please email the parish office or either Fr John Conway or Fr John Hong, and they can make an appointment for you to come for Reconciliation

Restrictions Easing

As we continue on this journey in the midst of Covid-19, almost everything church related has been shut down. We recognise that over the next few weeks, although we may not be able to be together for Mass, that our groups, may be able to meet in person, or continue online.

If you are in one of those groups and are starting to think what happens next, please get in touch with the parish office, and we can talk through the options and, when appropriate, advertise again.

For instance, our prayer groups might be able to pray together again, or our CLEO Ladies might be able to go out to dinner again. Of course groups can do so, following all current rules and social distancing requirement. We just wanted you to start thinking about it.

Children's Sacramental Journey 2020

Hi Parents, we have looked and planned for what to do when we come out of all of this. As you can imagine, we are still a way to go before life as we knew it before Covid-19. We are waiting for some instructions from the Archbishops about reopening, and what that might look like, but in the meantime, here are our first tentative plans:-

- **Reconciliation**—emails to families this week touching base and to answer any questions you might have. Possibly a ZOOM meeting, if needed. Once we can gather in a group large enough for all the kids, we will pick up and have a perhaps modified Retreat Day followed straight after by the Sacrament. So close to what was planned, just delayed.
- **Communion**—Program delayed, parent meeting could be via ZOOM. Then pick up the packs and as before work through them over a four week period. Once we can gather then Retreat Day, and the next weekend, all Masses, to have First Holy Communion. Potentially it may be delayed until October/November to tie it into an appropriate week in the Church calendar.
- **Confirmation**-Program was to run through July/August so we may be ok running it as it is set. Again, still waiting for details from the Archbishop.

Please don't assume this is the final correction, we are still working things out, but understand that families like to plan ahead.

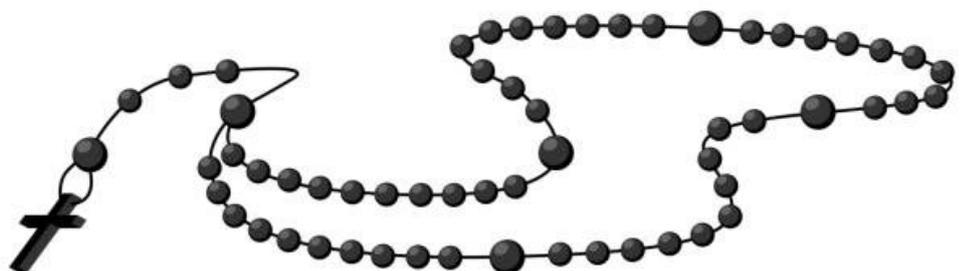
RCIA Candidates

Throughout all the goings on, we have had four wonderful people who have chosen to become Catholics. Their teachings started last year, and like the children, we all reached a point of patiently waiting.

So, after Zooming with Fr John and Carrie, they are ready to be undertaking the next part of their journey, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Because they are such a small group and Reconciliation is such a private affair, they will be able to partake very soon. Please hold them in your hearts and prayers as they continue on their journey to become Catholics.

Rosary

Please join Fr John and Carrie, who will live stream Rosary 1130am on. Saturday



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My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)