

# Peak Downs Catholic Cluster of Parishes Bulletin

part of the Western Deanery within the Diocese of Rockhampton Qld



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Year A**  
**29th March 2020**

**First Reading** Ezekiel 37:12-14

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

**Responsorial** Psalm 129. R. v.7

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

**Second Reading** Romans 8:8-11

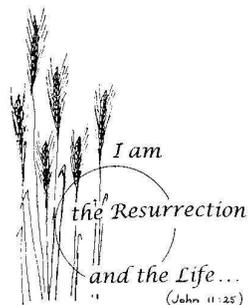
*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies..*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel** John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

*I am the resurrection and the life.*



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St Joseph the Worker Moranbah, Holy Family Middlemount, St Thomas More Tieri

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## MASS TIMES

Please be advised that all Churches will now be closed, at the Bishop's instruction.

No Masses until further notice.

Bishop Michael has asked us to join him and all the priests of the diocese each day at 12 noon as they celebrate Mass. As a community could we stop, remember each other and pray the Lord's Prayer just to keep us in touch.

Daily Masses in Rockhampton are available online at  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

*Remember In Your Prayers*



### *The Sick*

And others in our communities who are incapacitated or recovering from sickness and in need of spiritual support.

Steven Bryant	Mrs Roth	Keith Kelly
Beverley Paulsen	June Tewson	Joleen Adamson
Barry Coleman	Andre Tiberoo	Mary Walker
Julie Rowan	Carmel Dickinson	Hugh Williams
Linda Fearn	Ronnie Baldock	Chris Hayman
Dan Clancy	Jan Palmer	Alan Burton
John Matthews	Josie Kelly	Peter Mifsud
John Russell	Ian Williams	Margaret McCoy
Anne Lynam	Stephen Winters	Una Kowitz
Todd Dennis	Jim Young	Linda Schostakowski
Carmel Smith	Diana Kidd	Murray Sisson
Brendan Schostakowski	Peter Mahony	Lorna Faint
Mrs Croft	Anna King	
	Barry Hathaway	

### *Recently Deceased*

Teddy Jones	Kath Eite	Dave Murphy
Sister Margaret Macnamara		Dot Waterson

### *Baptism*

### *Anniversaries*

## Cluster Mission Statement

We will live out the commission of Jesus to witness to him; seeking to grow in our faith and participating in the life of our church and the broader community.

### Bulletin by email

Cluster church bulletins can be sent to you by email. If interested please email the Cluster Administration Officer, Cathy Pearson at [peakdowns\\_finance@hotmail.com](mailto:peakdowns_finance@hotmail.com)

## Cluster Notices

### Cluster Communities' News

#### Project Compassion Sunday—29th March 2020

The scriptures today are about life and about death. In the midst of a world with so much death, we believe in a God of life. Jesus says to Martha: "I am the resurrection and life."

We are invited to implement God's vision of life. Jesus says: "Lazarus, come out." Jesus says to those around him; "Untie him and let him go.: Our contemporary world needs us, the people of God, to respond to Jesus who invites us out of our tombs and into freedom; freedom to respond to the needs of others, freedom to let go of everything that keeps us from being fully alive.

Jesus wept at the death of Lazarus. We too have so much to weep over:

In a world of plenty, 6 million of Malawi's 19 million people require food aid.

23% of all child death cases in Malawi are related to under-nutrition.\*

663 million of our sisters and brothers around the world do not have easy access to clean, safe drinking water.

The Project Compassion story this week features Tawonga from Malawi. In there eleven short years Tawonga, like millions in our global family, has faced the challenges of food deprivation. She is living with a disability and walks with the aid of crutches. Her siblings used to push her three kilometres to school in a donated wheelchair. She was often sick and missed school due to hunger. 90% of youth living with a disability live in rural areas of Malawi, leading to fewer education opportunities.

During the East Africa Food Crisis Tawonga's family participated in a Caritas Australia supported A+ program in Malawi three years ago. They now have enough food to eat and access to safer water closer to their home. Her family is benefitting from their ability to earn a reliable income from the sale of their crops. This has enabled Tawonga to continue her education and attend boarding school.

The hunger that their family and community once experienced has given way to new life.

Hearing Tawonga's story can also bring about a change in us. In what ways can we go further together to ensure the inherent dignity of all?



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Tawonga is a 10 year old girl living with a disability, and struggling with food insecurity and discrimination in Malawi. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed.**



#### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP'S OFFICE

Our Missions team have prepared some resources for people to use during this time These can be found on our website as per the link below:

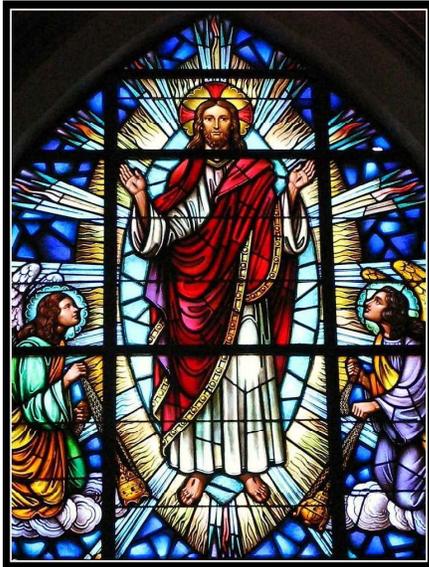
<http://rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/coronavirus-covid-19#>

#### DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER—MARCH

The Bishop's MARCH Newsletter has been released, use the following link to view:

<https://rokatholic.schoolzineplus.com/diocesaneews?nid=15>

## PICluster Notices Cluster Communities' News



### *Spiritual Communion*

I believe  
That you are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you  
Above all things, and  
Desire to receive you  
Into my soul.

Since I cannot  
At this moment  
Receive you into my soul,  
Comme 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

### **Coronavirus revives the old, ushers in the new in Catholic practice**

ROME - With the coronavirus forcing church closures and limiting access to sacraments, the Catholic Church has dusted off some old practices that perhaps had fallen into disuse, while also availing itself of new means of ensuring faithful can access the essentials.

With increasing numbers of people confined at home with no access to Mass or confession, pastors everywhere, Pope Francis included, have turned to some little-known, or at least little-used, concepts and practices, including "spiritual communion," indulgences and general absolution. There's also, perhaps, a fresh impetus to revisit the idea of "baptism by desire."

All are practices the Church ordinarily has little reason to emphasize, but which increasingly are coming in handy as the coronavirus continues to spread.

From the moment public events were cancelled and Masses suspended in China and Hong Kong, spiritual communion was something the bishops and priests stressed heavily in place of being able to attend Mass physically.

An ancient practice described by St. Thomas Aquinas as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him," spiritual communion is a way for people to access the grace of the Eucharist if they are unable to physically receive it.

Traditionally, Catholics are required to attend Sunday Mass, while spiritual communion has been encouraged only in certain cases, including parishioners who attend a parish without a priest; non-Catholic Christians who can't receive the Catholic Eucharist; home-bound persons due to illness or disability; and divorced and remarried Catholics without an annulment, who were barred from the Eucharist until Pope Francis in 2016 opened a cautious door in his document *Amoris Laetitia*.

Though he doesn't do it every time, the pope has frequently recited aloud a prayer for those watching at home that says, "My Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire you in my soul. Because right now I cannot receive you sacramentally, at least come spiritually into my heart. As you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself to you. Don't not allow that I am ever separated from you."