

# Bribie Island Beacon

**Sunday 3 May 2020**



As many of the places we normally enjoy to visit, eat at, or shop, are closed, many of us have to be challenged to consider what is important. What are the true needs we have in our life and what are just wants? Should what we are going through at present change us, and if so how? Author Brene Brown says "We will not go back to normal. Normal never was. Our pre-corona existence was not normal other than we normalised greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, extraction, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate and lack. We should not long to return, my friends. We are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature."

As I discuss with people what they are missing in this time of physical distancing the majority say family, friends or acquaintances. People are missing their connections with others, reminding us that relationships are more important than things. So I hope, that as a society we now do more to prioritise our connections with others and our care for our neighbours, particularly those requiring justice and kindness. Therefore serving God not only through our daily prayers and study, but by prioritising our love for our neighbour.

Fr Steven Schwarzrock

***People were created to be loved.  
Things were created to be used.  
The reason why the world is in chaos,  
is because things are being loved,  
and people are being used.***

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St Peter's Bribie Island

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### **BANK ACCOUNT FOR GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT**

Ac Name - Bribie Island Parish

BSB - 704-901

Account Number - 00000040

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### **POSTAL ADDRESS**

PO Box 1087 Bongaree 4507

## CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Frankie Park who celebrates her 70th Birthday this Wednesday. Birthdays this week - Frankie Park (6 May); Karen Quinn (6 May); Barry Hancox (9 May).

## PRAYER POINTS

**Those in Need** – John Clark, Joy Clark, Roslyn Young, David Lower, Vivienne Bourne, Elizabeth, Kubler, Phyl Adams, Marjorie Voss, Sue Telfer.

*To add someone to the prayer list please email [office@stpetersbribie.org.au](mailto:office@stpetersbribie.org.au)*

We (all of us) are currently going through a collective traumatic experience. Trauma is often thought of as “too much, too fast” ... which is exactly what’s happening. Of course you’re exhausted. Of course you’re afraid. Of course you’re overwhelmed. Of course you’re clinging to certainty in the midst of so much unknown. Of course you aren’t as productive, feeling foggy, or wondering how you can possibly go through so many waves of emotions all in the same day. This all makes so much sense in the context of our circumstances. Be gentle with yourself. Have compassion for you process. Give yourself grace. You are good, no matter how you are managing this completely new experience.

Lisa Olivera

## PARISH NOTICES

**Neighbourhood Centre** – Donations of groceries and clothing for the Neighbourhood Centre are still welcome, there will be a box at the front door of St Peter’s each Monday, so if you can give something to support the needy in the community please bring it to St Peter’s each Monday for collection.

**Drink Containers** – Please continue to collect your drink containers, they can be dropped off in front of the shed next to Coinda. If you prefer to take them directly to a collection centre you can give them the Parish scheme ID and the revenue will come to the parish. St Peter’s Scheme ID is C10177475.

**Parish Giving** – Even though we are not meeting for worship the Parish still needs to meet expenses, if you are able to give by Parish Direct or Online Deposit it would be appreciated, bank account details on front of newsletter. For those unable to give online a mail slot has been installed in the door of the Parish Office on Toorbul Lane.

**Parish Giving Monthly Totals** – The Parish needs giving from Parishioners in the range of \$10,000 per month to cover our expenditure. So far in 2020 the monthly giving totals are as follows January - \$9,619; February - \$8,448; March - \$7,649 and April \$9,549. Thank you to everyone who has dropped in your envelopes or switched to online giving, it is appreciated.

**Donations to the Parish** – This year the Parish has received donations from the families of two former Parishioners - \$20,000 has been received in memory of Clare Tesch and \$15,000 has been received in memory of Trevor Reed. Have you considered leaving a donation to the church in your will?

**Solar Panels** – Solar panels have been installed on the roof of Coinda Hall, these panels will significantly reduce the cost of electricity incurred by the Parish and also reduce our environmental footprint.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings - Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 10:1-10

Sentence - 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' (*John 10.11*)

Prayer of the day - God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reflection - The Psalm for today is the 23rd Psalm that gives the clear imagery of God as a shepherd who provides guidance and protection. A shepherd does not offer the sheep what they want, rather provides for their needs. Packed into the first three verses of the Gospel are a number of images. The gate is put forward as the proper entrance to the sheepfold. The shepherd enters by the gate where the sheep already are. At the gate is a gatekeeper who opens the gate for the shepherd. Then the shepherd who has entered the gate is drawn in detail. His voice is known. He calls each sheep by name. He leads them out of the fold. He goes ahead of them. Which image does Jesus mean to place up against himself to effect the metaphor: the gate? the gatekeeper? the shepherd? The image of the front of the newsletter would refer to latter. However, in response to the Pharisees' lack of understanding, Jesus at first claims what seems to us the least likely image for himself, saying, "I am the gate." Gate brings to mind something that separates those on the inside from those on the outside, for purposes of protection or privilege. For two thousand years, the church's proclamation of Jesus as the gate has served both purposes. Certainly the words of Jesus to the disciples in John's fourteenth chapter have become the theological content of this metaphor for many: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." For John's community, those who entered by the gate that was Christ necessarily had to close the gate on the flock that remained in the synagogue. On both sides, questions of exclusion and inclusion raged: who was in and who was out theologically, morally, ethnically? Is the church the gatekeeper and Jesus the gate to protect the morally weak and vulnerable within the fold or to privilege a community of the ethically pure? Is the church a hospital for sinners or a society of the morally perfectible? Does Christ as the gate keep the flock from corruption by the world, or did God so love the world that the gate swings open for the lost sheep in particular? Is Jesus alone the gate, so that, in the end, every disparate flock will be made one in him?

### Reflection Questions

How do you figure out whom to believe, whom to follow? (John 10:1-10)

If you could cultivate any one faith practice in your congregation, what would it be? (Acts 2:42-47)

What injustice stirs you so much that you would sacrifice just about anything to create change? (1 Peter 2:19-25)

## Online Worship available every Sunday

To watch online worship from St Peter's please follow this link [vimeo.com/user110905450](https://vimeo.com/user110905450) the link is also available from our website and FaceBook page.

## Morning Prayer on Wednesday & Sunday with Chat Time

At **10am** each **Wednesday** and **Sunday** you are invited to join us for a Morning Prayer using Zoom. Chat time before Morning Prayer from 9:30am. Follow the Zoom instructions below.

### ZOOM - Video and Phone Conferencing Application

While we are unable to meet in person the Parish will be using Zoom to hold meetings, prayer times, studies and conversations. If you have a computer with a camera, a tablet or smart phone all you need to do is download a free app by following this link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3408319100>

Open the app and select "Join Meeting" and enter the meeting id **3408319100** and the password is **34083191**. When prompted select join with computer / internet audio. You can also phone in from your home phone by dialling **02 8015 6011**. The meeting id is **3408319100**. Please phone Fr Steven on 3408 3191 if you need assistance.



### Prayer for Going for Growth

**Living God, creator, redeemer, strengthener: enliven, guide and strengthen your church in all you send us to do. By your Holy Spirit enable us to grow in faith, in service, in generous giving; and add to your Church new disciples that your saving, reconciling, recreating work may go forward, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

TO MY  
**LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
who came into the world in order to save  
those who were lost  
You who did leave the ninety and nine sheep  
in order to look for the lost one  
please look for me in the path of my errors  
where I hide myself from You  
and from my fellow man  
YOU  
**The Good shepherd**  
LET ME HEAR YOUR GENTLE VOICE  
LET ME KNOW IT  
LET ME FOLLOW IT

*Timothy K. Bolts*

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