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Pastoral Letter 13th August 2020

Our Loving and risen Lord Jesus spoke these words to His apostles just before His Ascension, entrusting to them the mission of making known the Good News of our salvation to all people. We also find in these words, which do not merely echo down through the ages but are spoken by Jesus directly to us today, the mission Our Lord is giving us to accomplish and approach with a future plan.

Dear Parishioners,

We are called to share Christ in and through the Church, Church means, each and every family and individual becomes the micro Church, without you; I'm helpless, and the Church will become a barren place. Only with a very keen sense of God's purpose in bringing us "together in faith" can we understand the intensive pastoral planning in which we are going to engage.

Since the first Holy Mass offered in all our Three Mass centres, there had been tremendous sacrifices made by our pioneer Parish members to bring us to the present status. Let us remember them with heartfelt gratitude and salute their Faith, Dedication and Vision they had for us. It is our current duty to plan for our future Church, "All Saints Blackbutt South Parish, One Mind, One Vision and One Mission for the next upbuilding of our faith Life.

I perceive very clearly and accept the fact that we are in an unprecedented and Pandemic era, but our lives have to move on with our regular and possible Faith Practises. This new situation we face together calls us for a new resolve and a new approach in fulfilling our God-given mission of proclaiming the Gospel and helping others to enjoy the great blessing and privileges which the Gospel of Jesus invites us to do. Our Lord's message is simple "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

The Faith Life of All Saints Blackbutt South Parish, cannot merely continue without significant changes. Faith and prudence demand that we act now to ensure that we will be able to do God's work effectively in the years to come. Charity demands that we pass on to our children both the gift of Faith, which is the "pearl of great price." So this is not a "Single-handed show." Everyone should contribute to Faith life, in my vision, everyone is unique, special, and God has invested enormous potential in each of us to participate in our faith formation and of our children in their own way. Sometimes more than significant active participation or physical endeavours, your faith life, experience and wisdom are more essential to the Parish Faith Life, and I need them badly. When I underpin the above-said contribution, changes are always tricky, but on the course of full cooperation and participation, even these difficulties become redemptive when viewed with eyes of Faith. God is drawing us more deeply into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.

## **PASTORAL PRIORITIES**

"So, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6-7)

What does it mean to walk in Christ Jesus? How are we built upon him, and how do we join in his work of building and nurturing Faith in our own time and for the future? and "What Jesus asking us during this assembly?"

Let this be the reflection during this assembly and let charity towards each and everyone attends this meeting.

**Our Stewardship and Administration:** God has so richly blessed us, and stewardship calls us to respond to God's gifts with the hearts of disciples - hearts of love, sacrifice, and generosity. Of course, we are all familiar with the resources of "time, talent, and treasure." Christian stewardship and administration involve both producing an abundant harvest of these resources and putting them to the most effective use possible. Let us have fraternal charity as our goal, Parish is not a corporate company or an academy instead a place of love, charity and understanding.

**Our Catholic Schools:** I have a great sense of dedication to our schools, as I have emphasized the importance of them. Catholic schools are uniquely suited to advancing the evangelizing mission of the Church, offering a privileged opportunity for the formation of our children in Christian discipleship. We must all be committed to strengthening our schools, both in their Catholic identity and their faith formation.

## **THE ROAD AHEAD**

I sincerely thank all our excellent and generous Parishioners who have been our source of strength, especially during this Pandemic time, contributing financially and sharing the workload in their simple way. I have been trying my level best to keep our faith commitment fresh, warm and unique with my possible, tireless and simple effort during this hard time, still, most of our Parishioners are in Lockdown. I'm sure that we can make a difference in the Faith life in our Parish when we are united with one mind and one heart. We are Mighty, We are Strong and We are the Best.

## **FORWARD IN HOPE**

We need to see that our fidelity finds its most important expression in leading lives of penance, particularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and, above all, in the celebration of Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. Only by this fidelity, and with the help God gives us in these sacraments, will we be ready to fulfil the mission God has entrusted to us in our Parish. With gratitude to God for your Faith and courage in taking up your part in our mission of evangelization, and entrusting you to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and the patroness of All Saints,

I remain,  
Yours in Jesus,



Fr Joseph Figurado