

Noel's Garden



Magpie breakfast at Sunbury



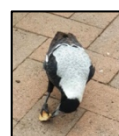
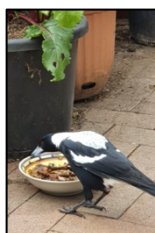
Thanks for dinner!



Salvia and geranium



Yellow-winged Honey Eater



Can't get that last bit!

CATHERINE'S SUGGESTIONS FOR HELPING TO ENTERTAIN AND WORK WITH CHILDREN AT HOME

If you are at home with children and struggling to find low cost entertainment you can join Melbourne Library Service as an online member and access all e-books, e-audio books and kids games. Just follow the instructions on this page to join:

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/libraries/using-the-library/pages/memberships.aspx>

There are also online Storytimes and Songbirds to watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsowvZK3nnXJPZ6rkiSv2Pg>

Here is a link to a free online kids book about the Coronavirus, which is useful if you need to talk to children in a comforting, factual way: <https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

And if you are looking for fun Bible Stories with great songs I can recommend Veggie Tales:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGYOf7BkKBf2tUV5mn3YRg2IncDHR_m18

The following prayer has been used at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne during the Covid-19 pandemic:

Lord Jesus Christ,

Great physician and healer of souls, now give us your peace:

protect those working with the sick and infected,

enable researchers and laboratory staff as they seek and test a cure,

grant swift and complete healing to those infected,

calm the hearts of those fearing the impact of the pandemic on their own lives,

give your wisdom to leaders of nations and organisations

as they make plans for the people in their care,

be present with all who are lonely and isolated,

comfort those who are dying and those who mourn loved ones.

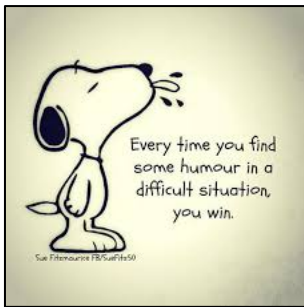
Through the power of the Holy Spirit enable us

to know you, love you, and place our trust in you,

the God who heals and restores life, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Noel's Easter altar at home and the focus for his daily prayers



JOKE TIME!

*My Grandad always says: "When one door closes another always opens".
Lovely man, but a shocking cabinet maker.*

"What's the best thing about Switzerland?"

"I don't know, but the flag is a big plus!"

*Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?
He'll stop at nothing to avoid them!*

*** A MESSAGE FROM NOEL ***

One of the interesting things that has happened during these changed times is how the media has changed its style of reporting.

Up until the virus outbreak most of the televised and print media consisted of violence, negative and feel-bad news, it was the bad news stories that got reported and that grabbed the headlines so that we were left feeling that the worst aspects of human behaviour were the norm.

Suddenly things changed and each of the news outlets lead with good news stories, lots of tales of people behaving well, looking after each other, discovering innovative ways of caring, using their new found time to offer their skills to serve others usually for free. Chefs and cooks giving us easy to cook recipes, fitness trainers helping us to keep fit and at home without a home gym. Entertainers providing ways to enjoy ourselves with online performances; what a treat it was to see Ping Chew and Jonathan Wilcox's son Kaemon

on the front page of The Age with his singing mates providing an online gig. It makes our hearts warm to see such fantastic acts of kindness and generosity, and amazing cheerfulness and encouragement being shown all over our country, and most of all being headlined in the media.

Let's hope and pray that when all this is over, the same good behaviour stories will be good news and continue to be published.

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2020 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings:

Acts 2 vs. 14a, 36 - 41

Psalms 116 vs. 1 - 4, 11 - 18

1 Peter 1 vs. 13 - 25

Luke 24: 13 - 35



*The road
to
Emmaus*

PRAYER LIST:

The sick: All people affected by the coronavirus, Sophie, Anne, Judith, Jeanette, Ken B., Peter B., Gordon C., Nicole, Darren, Max, Margaret B., Jill, M.S., Marion, Liam, Beth J., Robbie P, Kate, Matthew P.

Those in long term need, sickness: Ken P, Peter D.G

For your prayers:

- Holy Trinity Port Melbourne – for our presence in the local community;
- Noel our priest, Gieve our Bishop, Philip our Archbishop;
- St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, the Dean and staff;
- Communities throughout the world, as we all manage and deal with the effects of the coronavirus;
- Doctors, nurses, paramedics and all health care workers that they be kept safe.

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