

Bloom N News

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*A collection of news items and information
for the Villa and Apartment Residents of
Kerrisdale Gardens*



Hello Everyone

I cannot believe that another year is flying along. Certainly 2020 will go down in history due to the current situation with the Corona Virus (Covid-19). Our entire world has been turned upside down in the last 6 weeks and our everyday lifestyle as we know it is now a memory.

To bring a little humour to you I have some suggestions that may help with the situation of social distancing.

Perhaps you could socialise with you surrounding neighbours by taking your chair out to the driveway/pathway and having a happy hour from there. Even a daily cuppa!!

For apartment residents you could do this in the hallway on Level 3.



- ✚ Maybe a group text message to communicate.*
- ✚ The Café is still open for takeaway coffee and snacks.*
- ✚ The Pharmacy is operating every morning from 9am-12 noon eager to help you with your shopping needs.*
- ✚ Gingers Hair Salon is still open (thank goodness!) Tuesday to Friday. Call Vanessa for an appointment.*
- ✚ The Wellness Centre is still currently open for physio appointments which can be made through Reception*
- ✚ At 8.30am every morning Canon Ann is broadcasting a Pastoral message to our residents. Please tune in for the message.*

We are also here to help out in any way we can if you are unable to shop, cook, or you are unwell. Call me and I will assist you as much as is possible.



As most of you are aware I went on a short break to New Zealand, which then turned in to a big break as we went in to self isolation for 14 days on our return. Let me tell you Ian and I were reeeeeeeally ready to return to work.

Another idea I just had (a lightbulb moment), is that some of you may have grandchildren or greatgrandchildren who might want to become penpals or write notes to some of our residents in care. Just a thought.....I'm trying to think outside the box.



There have been a number of Memos being delivered which are keeping you updated on any new notifications for Qld on social distancing, isolating, and also correct procedures if entering our main building. We will continue to keep all residents in the loop as we progress through this pandemic.

I would like to also mention that Coles and Woolworths have initiated an Online Priority Service for older residents and pensioners for home delivery. You can register online if you have a computer or let me know and I will try and help you access this service. I've attached information on both these offers.





A very important message I need to pass on to everyone also is regarding flu injections. It seems a lot of you have been very vigilant in obtaining your vaccinations early. The Government has advised that everyone entering an aged care facility after 1st May will need to have a current flu vaccination with NO exemptions other than documented medical advice based on a pre-existing condition only. This will include all our staff, visitors and even contractors and evidence of immunisation will be required so could you please ask your doctor to provide you with evidence you have had the flu needle.

The last 3 months have flown and the Christmas Party and other get togethers seem a distant memory, all except that lovely skit we performed for you at the Christmas Party. Once things settle down (and we are not sure when that is going to be), a few of us have some ideas for more entertainment at your Friday Happy Hour. Stay tuned as you would not want to miss it!!!!!!





Easter is fast approaching and due to the Covid-19 restrictions the main building will be locked and only open for Care Residents visiting hours from 10am - 2pm Friday, Saturday and Monday, closed on Sunday. Exceptions will be Level 3 residents who can have a visitor or go out at other times.

Canon Ann has asked for the following information from Bishop Keith Joseph be included in this edition:

Dear Friends,

Due to Coronavirus our churches are closed. However this will not stop us from celebrating Easter together! Just as the sorrow of Lent and Good Friday gives way to the joy of Easter, we know that the present pandemic and the sorrow it causes will give way in due course to a joyful return to community life. There are two contagious things in our community at the moment – a virus and fear. But as Christians we believe in both wise care using the best that science shows to us; and we believe in a God of love. So in accordance with the science we do not gather physically together so that we can slow the virus down: but in accordance with our faith we still gather together in love, making best use of new technologies. The virus and the fear will end, but the love will continue on.

The Diocese is providing services for Holy Week and Easter as below:

please go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIDWQJd5gYJCvX-5Nq8NXqA> or google YouTube Anglican Parish Ascension Heatley.

Other links are on the Diocesan Website:

TENEBRAE (pre-recorded) – from 6.00 pm on Monday 6th April
STATIONS OF THE CROSS (pre-recorded) – from 9.00 am on Tuesday 7th April
MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday 9th April @ 5.30 pm
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY – Friday 10th April @ 9.00 am
GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION (pre-recorded) – from 12 noon on Friday 10th April
EASTER VIGIL – Sunday 12th April @ 5.30 am
EASTER DAY – Sunday 12th April @ 9.00 am

The Diocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass when we return to our buildings on the other side of the Coronavirus. Likewise at that time we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ in each of our ministry units with the blessing of the Paschal Candles. Until then, we are still the Body of Christ meeting online. May God bless you all

+ Keith The Right Revd Dr Keith Joseph Bishop of North Queensland



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ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

On Saturday 25 April, here at Kerrisdale Gardens, Rev Keith will deliver the Anzac Day service over the P.A. at 10:00am followed by the Last Post and Reveille.



Please keep in mind if you have any concerns, questions or if you are feeling lonely or isolated, do not hesitate to give me a call.

Regards,