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In our Prayers: All those who mother us and their mothers in our parish, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, All those affected by the Coronavirus, the unemployed, families with financial struggles etc.

For our Deceased: Liam Broderick O'Sullivan, Brian Patten, Pam Woods, Deceased mothers and those who mothered us, Coronavirus Victims, Ian Hooper, Elaine Barry, Jim Daniher, (*anniversaries*)

No Mass or Liturgy

Reflection

I am the Way. In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time—and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth, and communicate this life to others.

Mother's Day

As we rejoice in and give thanks for our mothers and those who are mothered us, may we find a place in our heart for those mothers who are being stretched during this time of the coronavirus. See separate sheet for *Mother's Day reflection and prayer.*



Fr Sijo is at home in Temora

We welcome home Fr Sijo after his memorable sabbatical and home visit.

ESeminar

Last week Archbishop Christopher Prowse started an online ESeminar—**Heart to Heart.** Have you had the opportunity to listen to any of the sessions provided by Archbishop Prowse? You can access them any time on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBspuzOL5_I

Day for Humanity

Pope Francis announced that **May 14** will be a **Day of Prayer, Fasting and Charitable Works** to end COVID-19. The initiative came from The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity, who proposes that everyone, regardless of religion, participate. Pope Francis stated, "I accepted the proposal of the High Committee for the Human

Fraternity, so believers of all religions will spiritually unite on May 14 in a day of prayer and fasting and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. The UN's Secretary-General, António Guterres, also tweeted his support for the "moment for reflection, hope and faith." This day is part of the Committee's task to share the message of the **Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together.** The Pope signed it in Abu Dhabi in February 2019 with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar. Now, more than a year after the signing of the Document, the members invite all religious leaders and people to ask God to bless and safeguard the world, so it will be better than before the pandemic.

The Lord's Good Word

TEM-FM is now running a Sunday program called The Lord's Good Word from 12 noon to 2.00 p.m. each week. So far, four churches have responded to an invitation to use part of that time (Presbyterian, Lutheran, King's Church and now Catholic) and each will have a thirty minute time slot to present some sort of message to listeners to make up for the absence of opportunities to attend their usual Sunday Church. You can access this program on Temora's radio station, FM 102.5, with the Catholic session commencing at approximately 1.30 p.m.

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we read a familiar Gospel—one that is often chosen for Christian Burial Services because it gives us hope and reassurance. Scripture scholars remind us that the many rooms describe the household of God where there are many dwellings. "The household of God is to be the future community of disciples who come to believe in Jesus and are reborn as sons and daughters of God. ... Chapter 14 emphasises God's coming to dwell within the Christian community so that the community is the household of God's dwelling. ... You and I now make up the community that is the household of God where Jesus, Father/Mother God and Holy Spirit dwell." (Mary Coloe pbvm) During this time of the coronavirus it seems to me that we have realised in a deeper way the reality of being the household of God in the way we have reached out to assist those in need. May we continue to be the Body of Christ through our care, love, concern and compassion. May the mothers in our community be spoilt today! "The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."

St Therese of Lisieux

Sr Maureen McDermott rsj

The Easter season beckons us not to cling to what we have known, but rather to be open to God's promises for new life. May our collective passage into this newness strengthen us for all that we may encounter ahead.

