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In our Prayers: Noelene Williams, Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel,

For our Deceased: Pam Woods, Frank (Johnno) O'Dwyer, Coronavirus Victims Maurice Bobbin, (Fr Troy's father), Margaret Passlow, Marie Golden, James (Kelly) Griffin, (Anniversaries)

No Mass or Liturgies

Reflection

Christ is Risen. Alleluia! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

My dear Parishioners

This Easter week and many days ahead will be different from what we have been used to. We are pretty much in what is known as 'Lockdown'. Our church services are being suspended in the wake of Coronavirus outbreak. This doesn't mean that we can't engage in our own reflection and private prayer.

At a time like this it is easy to feel anxious, exhausted, lonely and isolated. Yet Easter once again reminds us to be hopeful. So many people are doing so much to try and help others who are in need at this particular time. People every where making sacrifices of one sort or another and one day it will all be over.

During this period of change there is so much goodness been seen, so much kindness been experienced that we need to hang on to these values for our future together. So be courageous, be loving and above all be hopeful.

I am writing these few lines from home. I am safe and look forward to return in two weeks when flight services resume in India.

Easter Blessings...

Fr. Sijo.



Happy Birthday Jack

What a memorable day for you Jack as you celebrate your wonderful gift of living and loving on this significant birthday today. Congratulations! We, the parishioners extend our very best wishes and prayers to you on your birthday. We thank you for the inspiration you are to us. May our good God continue to bless you in ways that will nourish and delight you.

Dear Friends,

The way in which we have journeyed through these last few weeks of Lent to the Resurrection of Jesus have challenged us in many ways, for the better, it seems to me. No doubt, that like you, I have experienced people reaching out in care, love, service and kindness. In those experiences I am touched by the Divine Presence that is everywhere—in people, in acts of generosity, tenderness, compassion, etc.

As we move into a quiet celebration of Easter may we be encouraged in that the Resurrection of Jesus reminds us that we are on a journey, a journey where Hope is a constant companion and belief in the fullness of life encourages us that the journey is worthwhile. Jesus is our companion in this life who gives us enough hope and enough promise to see us safely home.

This Easter let us pray that in the midst of our anxieties and fears He will keep bringing the promise of life to our hearts and let us encourage and care for each other.

May you feel Jesus rising in your hearts today and every day. May we see with Easter eyes, act with an Easter heart and love with the warmth of Jesus.

Happy Easter!

Sr Maureen McDermott rsj

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“In the life of every Christian there are “Galilees” where we have encountered the Risen Jesus in experiences of generosity, justice and reconciliation. To return to those “Galilees,” Pope Francis says, “is not to go back in time . . . it is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all . . .” This Easter, may we make our way back to the Galilees of our life, to meet again God’s Risen One in the reconciling and healing peace of this holy season.”

Pope Francis

‘May the angel at the tomb of resurrection
bless you with faith, assuring your faith and trust that all shall be well.’

Joyce Rupp, Out of the Ordinary p 60



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