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In our Prayers: Ray Fairman, Kashaya Kuemmel, All those affected by the Coronavirus,

For our Deceased: Pam Woods, Frank *(Johno)* O'Dwyer, Deceased relatives, friends, parishioners, Coronavirus Victims, Marie Golden, James *(Kelly)* Griffin, Elaine Barry, Jim Daniher, (*anniversaries)*

No Mass or Liturgies

Reflection
I am sending you. When we gather for Eucharist the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

ANZAC Day, *Lest we Forget*
We remember with pride and gratitude the ANZACS and those who have defended our country in any war. As we celebrate Anzac Day this week let us pray for peace and be peacemakers!

Sowing
We rejoice and give thanks for recent rain which has made conditions for sowing quite ideal. Let us entrust the sowing of crops to our Provident and Creator God.
Let us pray; Creator God, bless the seeds that we sow, strengthen them in the gentle movement of soft winds, warm sunshine and refresh them with the dew of heaven. Let them grow to full maturity for the good of body and soul. Amen.

Planned Giving
As always, we, the parishioners are grateful for the generosity of one another in the financial support of the parish. During this time with no Mass or liturgies in the local church, accounts still need to be paid.

First Collection is for the parish priest. The contributions made are deposited into the **Central Presbytery Fund** from which the clergy are paid their annual stipend.

Second Collection *(Parish Planned Giving)* is for the maintenance and day to day running of our parish. If you would like to contribute through direct debit you can deposit directly into the Parish accounts as listed:

Ardlethan Parish Account BSB 062-786 Acc No 000015130

Ariah Park Parish Account BSB 062-786 Acc No 000015114

Central Presbytery Fund BSB 062-786 Acc No 000029248

How to make an Act of Spiritual Communion?
1. Make the sign of the Cross
2. If possible, read the Mass Readings
3. Recite the Prayer of Spiritual Communion

You can also make an Act of Spiritual Communion at the time of Communion while watching Mass on TV or online.

Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Dear Friends,
*As we continue our journey through the Coronavirus and the wonderful season of Easter, as well as the time of hope with sowing beginning may we be encouraged by the **Easter Blessing** as given to us by John O'Donohue:*

"On this Easter morning, let us look again at the lives we have been so generously given and let us let fall away the useless baggage that we carry -- old pains, old habits, old ways of seeing and feeling -- and let us have the courage to begin again. Life is very short, and we are no sooner here than it is time to depart again, and we should use to the full the time that we still have.

"We don't realise all the good we can do. A kind, encouraging word or helping hand can bring many a person through dark valleys in their lives. We weren't put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously. The dawn that is rising this Easter morning is a gift to our hearts and we are meant to celebrate it and to carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning."

From the **Dawn Mass Reflections** at Corcomroe Abbey

Sr Maureen McDermott rsj

"We feel like separate water droplets but we are also ocean."
Jane Hirshfield