



20 March 2020

My dear Parishioners,

Greetings! To each of you and your families, in times of this uncertain climate where we live day by day amidst the growing concerns of COVID-19 that surround each of us, I offer you all my prayerful support and prayers for all the uncertainty we experience as a Family, Community and Nation.

Please refer to this week's letters from Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Fr David Ranson, the Vicar General of our Diocese.

It is essential that each of us and our faith communities are messengers of hope – hope that draws strength from the Risen Lord in the Resurrection, not forgetting that our Lord did have to go through his Passion, death and in turn gifted with the Resurrection.

During this time we shall try our best to keep in touch with you, as we hope that you too keep in touch with us all, through electronic media and phone calls. Yes, we shall feel isolated for medical reasons, and remember, precaution and prevention can be each of our personal charity, and charity in love.

Here is something that I would like to share with you all:

“When life is upside down, we easily forget the fundamental truth that we live from sufficiency, not scarcity. Even in times of distress. Church was cancelled. Public gatherings have been cancelled. There is more to come.

But hope will not be cancelled.

Conversations will not be cancelled.

Friendship will not be cancelled.

Gardening will not be cancelled.

Watching the moonlight filter through the trees will not be cancelled.

Love will not be cancelled.

Music will not be cancelled.

Reading will not be cancelled.

Self-care will not be cancelled.

Prayer will not be cancelled.

And lifting one another's spirits will not be cancelled.

May we lean into the good stuff that remains.”

(Terry Hershey – Sabbath Moment – Hope will not be cancelled)

God Bless each of you and your families too, and I entrust each of you to the Maternal care of our Blessed Mother.

Fr Peter D