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THE BISHOP'S WEEKLY COMMUNIQUE
with THE DIOCESE during the COVID-19 LOCKDOWN
"EVERY FRIDAY"

THIS WEEK: CHURCH after LOCKDOWN?
CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN

The Diocesan News is especially focussed upon keeping the Diocesan Family informed and united in purpose for the Gospel

"We are the CHURCH at HOME for the WORLD"

We are THE CHURCH everyday

- Daily Prayer Morning and Evening
- Daily Bells at Morning, Noon, and Evening
 - Daily Eucharist

OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS more than ever are Sacramental Signs of God's Presence in the World

Although our Churches are EMPTY our Priests are Present and Praying

We are Community

We are Communication

We are constantly creating Communion

We keep in union

with God

with Neighbour

with Creation

with Self

Dear Diocesan Family

This week I have heard many encouraging stories of ministry taking place in our Parishes throughout the Diocese.

I have met with Clergy in Archidiaconal Groups and also with Churchwardens and Archdeacons in their Archdeaconries.

The general strategy throughout the Diocese appears to be that Parishioners and Parish Groupings are connected through technology using mobile phones.

It is also becoming clear that this mode of communication and contact keeping is costly and that data is expensive.

We take serious note of that and I encourage that we find ways to support each other.

WE MUST EMBRACE A NEW and DIFFERENT CHURCH

For this edition we attach this article by Russell Pollitt SJ for our thinking and reflection

BIRTHDAYS

15 th May	Betty Ong'or
16 th May	+Raphael Hess
18 th May	Jen Schurr
26 th May	Renay Vraagom
27 th May	Le-Shane Heugh
28 th May	Karen Marais Grant Walters
29 th May	Dorothea Hendricks
31 st May	Juliana Mutale

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

22 nd May	Glen and Bernice Daries
23 rd May	Ted and Jen Schurr

THE SICK

Please pray for those who have asked us for prayers for particular persons and situations. We hold each in deep affection and prayer before the Lord.

- Fr George Solomon
- Mrs Kathleen Hess
- Mrs Ellen Magerman
- The Revd André Allies
- Mr Martin Abrahams

- Please keep Fr Wilfred and his family of the False Bay Diocese in prayer. They were all diagnosed with the Corona-19 virus after their daughter who is a radiologist was contaminated at work. Fr Wilfred's wife has taken a turn for the worse and is critically ill in hospital. Could we please form a chain prayer by sharing this message? The Power of Prayer."

With every good wish, love and care

Lizel Carelse (on behalf of the Bishop)