

Many of you will remember Bishop Philip Huggins who took two of our Sunday services when Noel was recently on holidays. Philip is the president of the National Council of Churches in Australia, and the following is an article he wrote just prior to Easter this year.

I was once in a Church overseas for its first service after being shut for some time. There had been much suffering and sadness.

The closure had not been because of a strange virus but, rather, the more familiar problem of banal political oppression causing a loss of freedom to worship. Worshipping with these people, on their first Sunday back in their Church, is one of the most wonderful moments of my life.

The Church was beautifully restored. The place was packed. People prayed with passion. The music was sublime. It took me a while to realise they were worshipping without any books.

During their persecution, while the Church was shut, they had memorised the liturgy. Now this faith-life they had sustained privately and discreetly, in spiritual communion, could be shared together again in their beloved Church.

This was sacred liturgy in the fullest meaning. The faces shone. Tears flowed. People couldn't stop smiling. It was like a 1000 Easter Sundays all at once. Little needed to be said to make the clear biblical connections. "I AM the Resurrection and the Life," was the text.

You can see where this is heading...

As I write, our Churches are shut and our faithful souls are worshipping at home. But there will come a day when we will again open the Church doors. In our various traditions, we will offer God the best worship of which we are capable.

We will do this together. It may be after the Easter date but, yes, let's expect it will be like a 1000 Easters all at once!

With prayers in the Easter Christ,

Bishop Philip Huggins.

President, National Council of Churches in Australia

LORRAINE'S 3000 PIECE JIGSAW

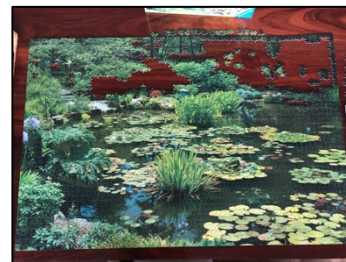


The beginning

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Side pieces
done:

1.2m x 80cm



Still going:

Lots of green,
brown and
black.....



**THE LAST
PIECE!!!**

Now free to a
good home!!!

TELL US WHAT YOU ARE DOING !

Please share with us any interesting (or even not-so-interesting) things you are doing during this time of isolation.

Books being read, home activities, cooking successes (or failures!). It all helps us feel connected to each other.

Send your ideas to Lorraine – lorraine.king@bigpond.com

*When this is over,
 may we never again
 take for granted
 A handshake with a stranger
 Full shelves at the store
 Conversations with neighbours
 A crowded theatre
 Friday night out
 The taste of communion
 A routine check-up
 The school rush each morning
 Coffee with a friend
 The stadium roaring
 Each deep breath
 A boring Tuesday
 Life itself.*

*When this ends
 may we find
 that we have become
 more like the people
 we wanted to be
 we were called to be
 we hoped to be
 and may we stay
 that way — better
 for each other
 because of the worst.*

From: laurakellyfanucci.com



*"Ladies, don't forget
 the rummage sale. It
 is a good chance to
 get rid of those things
 not worth keeping
 around the
 house. Bring your
 husbands." 😊*

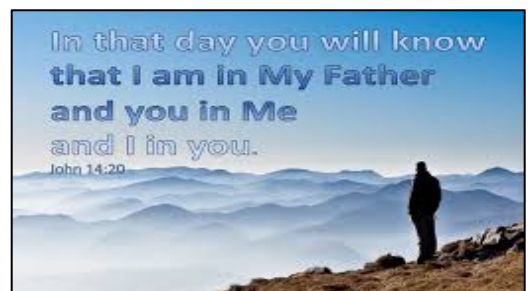
HOLY TRINITY'S BANKING DETAILS

Without the opportunity to make financial contributions through the plate at this time, the HTPM community is encouraged to still make regular financial contributions via bank transfers.

Bank account details: Account Name: Holy Trinity
 Cheque Account (Westpac)
 BSB: 033 018
 Account Number: 101281

NB. Please add 'Collection Plate' in the Reference section.

MANY THANKS



SUNDAY 17 MAY 2020 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings:

Acts 17: vs. 22 - 31
 Psalm 66: vs. 7 - 19
 1 Peter 3: vs. 8 - 22
 John 14: vs. 15 - 21

PRAYER LIST:

The sick: All people affected by the coronavirus, Sylvia P., Sophie, Anne, Jeanette, Ken B., Gordon C., Nicole, Darren, Margaret B., Liam and Ainslie, Jill, Marion, Robbie P, Matthew P.

Those in long term need, sickness: Ken P, Peter D.G

For your prayers:

- Holy Trinity Port Melbourne – for our presence in the local community;
- Noel our priest, Genieve our Bishop, Philip our Archbishop;
- St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, the Dean and staff;
- Communities throughout the world, as we all manage and deal with the effects of the coronavirus;
- Doctors, nurses, paramedics and all health care workers that they be kept safe.

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