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A MESSAGE FROM NOEL

Melbourne and indeed the state, the nation and the entire world is in a precarious situation at present. We have a deadly virus that seems to be out of control and a people divided as to how best and effectively to deal with it; from countries allowing it to roam freely to countries and communities being in strict lockdowns and total isolation. Despite this the Corona 19 virus is still at large and very contagious. In Australia the National Cabinet under the leadership of Prime Minister Morrison have taken the advice of the nation's medical Health Officers to adopt a 'test and isolate' policy and compared to other countries it has been successful.

It would seem that we in this city are experiencing a second wave of infections that are causing considerable concern and we have now returned to strict lockdown and isolation as a result. In the midst of this pandemic it is disturbing to see how many people treat this deadly virus with irresponsible behaviour, or denial and a cavalier approach to the danger that it can cause to so many people - especially the vulnerable. It's also concerning that those who are in vital leadership roles are being constantly criticized, blamed and vilified for the actions that have been decided upon for the purpose of trying to keep us all safe. As a result the precautions that we are all subject to are being either ignored or purposely defied and laws being broken. This irresponsible behaviour puts us all at risk.

We Australians are infamously known for our fairly robust attitude to authority and to those in authority. History shows that this is part of our DNA, but our wilfulness and independent style is both a positive and a negative as this present situation is discovering. I reckon our leaders are doing an amazing job in what is unknown territory and I want to support them and encourage them to continue in doing what we expect of our nation's leaders, that is to care for the welfare of the people that have entrusted them to do so.

Therefore let us pray unceasingly for them all:

The Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and his team of Ministers and Health Officers, The Premier Dan Andrews and his State Cabinet Ministers, and the other State and Territory Leaders, The Chief Medical Officer Brett Sutton, The Police Chief Chris Patton, Hospital and Medical Staff, Fire Service Officers, SES Officers, ADF personnel, and all who have been placed in positions of leadership in this pandemic.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. Amen



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I have written to the Premier to assure him of our prayers and encouragement of him in his crucial leadership.

If ever we ought to be on our knees before the living God, now is such a time.

O God our heavenly Father,

Your son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the Great Physician, who healed the sick, cured the blind and deaf and raised the dead, and who, throughout all history, holds dominion over disease and death:

In your mercy to this world, arrest and eradicate this coronavirus. Heal the afflicted and comfort those who have suffered from this scourge; so that those who suffer may know your healing heart and hand, that those who are anxious or burdened may know your comfort and peace that passes understanding, that the watching world may know your sovereign authority, prevailing power, mercy, and grace, and that all may come to know, love and worship you; we ask in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

Bishop Paul Barker
Vicar-General



***When the world pushes you to your knees,
you're in the perfect position to pray.***

Rumi

Rumi (1207 – 1273), was a 13th-century Persian poet, Islamic scholar and theologian from Greater Khorasan in Greater Iran.



PRAYER LIST:

The sick: All people affected by the coronavirus, Eddie J., Carolanne, Duncan, Nerida B., Andrew Davis, Sophie, Anne, Jeanette, Ken B., Nicole, Darren, Margaret B., Marion.

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;
- Governments & parliaments throughout the world as each makes decisions regarding isolation restrictions.

 **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 19 JULY 2020
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings:

- Genesis 28: 10 – 19a
- Psalm 139: 1 – 11a, 23 - 24
- Romans 8: 12 - 25
- Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 - 43

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