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Pastoral Letter #3

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Dear Parishioners

We pray for Peace and blessings for each of you in and through this time.

When I woke up this morning I had a song on my mind: “ **Love is a beautiful song**”.

its not actually a song I like and I don't remember who the original singer is.

The song goes on to say “ *love is a new way of living and new way of starting each day.*

Millions of people all over the world know that love is a beautiful song.

It strikes me that through the adversity of this time it can be a call to awaken and renew the bonds of love and unity in all areas of life; family, community, nation and indeed the world.

All realms are affected by what is before us.

We are encouraged to **keep in touch** with each other. It is quite amazing what can be done with modern technology. But not all have this. We are making an effort to make telephone contact with our elderly and those who live alone.

My gratitude to the parishioners who have readily agreed to help with this. I would happily ring each and everyone of you but that is not possible.

In the last few days I have been reading through the **Parish Roll**. As I did so I highlighted all of you I know. No doubt there will be others I know by sight but don't know your name.

I guess only God knows how up to date our roll is. To me the primary purpose of having a parish Roll is for outreach and pastoral care.

One of the positive things we can access both an alphabetical list and also a list into small Zones according to street addresses. While we are a big parish – it would be my hope to enhance the small communities of parishioners in your immediate areas.

How many catholics do you know who live near you?

We are now entering into **Holy Week**. I pray Gods Blessings that we each mindfully journey with Jesus as he is welcomed into Jerusalem this Palm Sunday then be with him day by day as we head to the three Holy days; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Resurrection.

Again, our Prayers and Blessings.

Fr Chris Martin s.m.