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Pastoral Letter #5
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Dear Parishioners,
E te whanau o Hehu Karaiti, nga mihi mahana – warm greetings to you all.

As I reflect on the Resurrection of Jesus and the gathering of the disciples, I'm reminded that first and foremost the church is a community of people. The best sign of this is when we gather together. Sadly we cannot do this at this time. I certainly miss gathering with you. We live in hope of being together again.

The other day I was in St Francis Xavier and saw that the plants needed watering; I did so. It is a reminder that we too need to be feed. In this Sunday's Gospel (John) the Holy Spirit is given as a "breath". At Pentecost (Acts) the disciples experience the Spirit as tongues of fire. Elsewhere we use the image of the Spirit as water, the well spring – which never runs dry. I encourage you to take the time for prayer – to tap into what feeds you spiritually. In times of loneliness or feeling down may the Lord lift up our spirits. The Lord is with us.

We pray for all the victims of the virus – especially those who have died.
Please pray for our parishioner **Jack Katavich** who died this week. He had been in Hospital after a fall. He was returned to Kaitaia area for Burial. RIP.

I enjoy getting out for a walk and when necessary go to the supermarket– it is a consolation when I see parishioners (keeping the safe distance). At the same time I feel for you who are house bound. I will be 70 in only 7 years!

Finance

Sincere thanks to the many of you who contribute to the parish by automatic payment. Costs to the Parish still continue.
Please contact Glennis at admin@whangareicatholic.org.nz if you are able to make a donation. She can help arrange automatic payments.
Those with planned giving envelopes – we need to keep track of donations for your tax Receipt.

With, Aroha, prayers and Blessings

Fr Chris Martin s.m.