

One Day at a Time

Father Tim's Daily Reflections
during the COVID-19 crisis

Wednesday 25 March

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

9.50pm – I'll try to be brief – I've been running around since 8.00am. Who said this isolation would be a chance for me to slow down???

Whilst showering, shaving and eating Special K this morning, I was texting funeral readings suggestions to my friend **Susan Miller** in Jamesville NY. Now her siblings have decided that they'll have a Mass for their mother, not a simple service.

At 10.30am parishioner **Raewyn Hill** and I drove over to neighbouring **St Denis Parish** to meet with **Arkar Daniels**, their IT whiz, and see how their video streaming system works. After about an hour there, Arkar and I were off shopping for parts to build our own computer – it will be much better than anything off the shelf (I hope!).

Well, we didn't get back until about 4.30pm! Perth has been stripped of nearly everything one needs to get services, classes & workshops on line – everyone has the same idea, of course! We couldn't get the video cards Arkar wanted, so we purchased a games card at one shop – the last one they had – and then drove to the other end of the city to get the only other games card in town. We didn't get anything else (and there's a huge list of things), so that's what I'm doing tomorrow morning.

I quickly ate some soup – my first meal since 8.00am. Then I went to church to celebrate Mass in honour of the **Annunciation**. I tell you, I'm not too happy with Our Lady today: she didn't help much with street directions, parking spaces, or shopping success. I hope tomorrow is a better day!

After Mass, I went straight to work on a script and PowerPoint for a service for our school children who are celebrating the various days of Holy Week tomorrow – a bit early, I know, but who knows when they'll be sent home for the duration – and 50% of the kids have been missing this week. So I put together a nice service that covers Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, with loads of photos and paintings, and text and prayers that are accessible for everyone from Pre-Primary to Year 6 students. I tried hard not to include any heresies! No, it's all really good.

I do hope that after everything is set up for the Mass streaming, and the parish website is redone, that I'll get a bit of a rest. These past few days have been killers!

Now it's 10.00pm – I have to quit work, get something to eat (I'm starving) and relax a bit before going to sleep. God bless y'all!