

One Day at a Time

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

Friday 27 March

Lenten Friday

1.00pm – One good thing for me about this 'new way of living' is that I've been able to eat breakfast! Normally I'd be out the door most mornings to offer Mass at the RSL or school, and then run around doing things until I'd sit down at last to eat – usually mid-afternoon, but sometimes not until evening. So today I had Special K, rye bread toast and OJ, and I read the paper in the morning, not evening. I feel much better already!

I'm doing my laundry today, but have also been in touch with **Monsignor Harry Entwistle** about what we'll manage to do for Holy Week liturgies. I've also spoken with **Arkar Daniels**, the IT guy from **St Denis Parish**, who's helping us set up our system for streaming and recording liturgies and classes. He's been very good to us, donating his time and expertise. Arkar will come to church tomorrow to put everything together. Our **Theodore Murphy-Jelley** is donating a computer monitor, keyboard, mouse and graphics card. I'm getting excited about building our 'virtual parish' – we'll be able to live-stream and record liturgies, classes and meetings and be connected with everyone in this way.

My good GP, **Dr Glynn Hughes**, rang this morning for my first 'phone consultation'. I had blood tests last week, and the results were all very good. Dr Hughes is in charge of COVID-19 arrangements at **Lindisfarne Medical Centre** here in Mount Lawley, and he's been happy to be in touch with our **Dr Antoinette Torre**, his medical school classmate, about what's happening 'on the ground' at **Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital**, where our **Dr Luke Torre** is in the thick of things in Intensive Care.

I put a load of laundry into the washing machine this morning – now I'm off to Officeworks to purchase a few more things we need for our computer/camera system. I'm very excited that we're nearly there in becoming an online parish.

5.10pm – Wow! A lot of crazy people were on the road this afternoon. I drove to two Officeworks stores, in Osborne Park and Morley, to get a powerboard for our new streaming system in church, and also a dongle for our school principal **Yvonne Liebeck**. Her home internet was knocked out during last month's big storm, and Telstra has yet to restore it. So she needs a way to get online at home in order to stay in contact after school shuts down next Friday.

People were speeding, cutting each other off, tail-gating, leaning on their horns – I was actually afraid the entire time that I'd get into an accident. I did manage to get the powerboard, but could not get the dongle – none to be found. The Officeworks system in Osborne Park showed 11 dongles in stock in Morley, but there were none – so keep that in mind when you're searching online for various things: the websites aren't up-to-date because the sales staff is running off their feet trying to help customers, God bless them.

Returning home, I put my laundry in the dryer and then worked on this weekend's bulletin. I've included special short meditations for each of the **Five Sorrowful Mysteries** for your use at home next Saturday, which is **First Saturday**. And our usual **First Friday Prayer of Adoration and Petition** is also included in the bulletin. On our knees, let's ask Jesus to protect us and Mary to pray for us.