



OUR PARISH AFTER LOCKDOWN

Dear Parishioners

The following questions are designed to facilitate prayerful reflection and discussion about the effects of the Coronavirus Lockdown, and how God wants us to move forward. Having the time and space to do this is a gift!

What is God asking us to do NOW, to prepare for a world emerging from the pandemic?

The questions can be considered individually, or in small group settings, with phone or Zoom being our way of coming together until we are able to move about more freely. I encourage each of you to consider these questions and share your thoughts with us.

This will enable us to plan and position our parish to positively respond to the needs of our community in a post-pandemic world.

John

THE LOCKDOWN AND ME

“Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.” Matthew 9:17

1. How has the lockdown impacted my experience of God in my life?

2. Where and how did you encounter God during this time?

3. What has changed in your journey with God over this time and is it something you want to continue?

THE LOCKDOWN AND OUR CHURCH

“When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed Him to stay with them.” Luke24:28

1. What have I missed most about not being able to go to our Church?

2. Are there any things I am not missing?

3. What kinds of ‘spiritual support’ have I offered to, or received from, others during the lockdown?

4. How has the church / parish adapted to the limitations imposed by the lockdown?

5. What positive changes should the church / parish keep going forward?

EXITING LOCKDOWN AND BEYOND

“Do not forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:18-19

1. What should we celebrate as a church / parish following the lockdown and pandemic?

2. Are there new / different things God is calling us to consider in the post-pandemic world?

3. During the lockdown period, people have become more familiar with connecting on-line. How can we effectively use this new way of communicating in our church / parish?

4. What may be the enduring pastoral, economic and spiritual needs of our parish community following the lockdown?

5. How can we share the joy of the Gospel in the post-pandemic context?
