

# KIT @ KIPPAX

Staying Connected while Physically Distant

**Wednesday 22 April 2020**

**Today's Gospel John 3: 16-21**

## ST JOHN'S WITHOUT BORDERS

Parish geographical boundaries are these days mainly administrative. Many of our community have moved further afield to downsize, or for health or family reasons. Where possible, allegiance to St John's remains.

For others, such as Veronica Brennan, the spirit of the parish lives on in their hearts. Veronica's daughter, Sue, keeps in touch with news that Veronica is quietly settled and well cared for at Canberra Aged Care in Lyneham. Margaret Ohlin, and perhaps others, have been able to visit until the recent lockdowns. Veronica can now walk only a few steps, so is mainly confined to a wheelchair. She loves the visits of the priest from O'Connor, and Communion brought from that parish. Her dementia is increasing, but she enjoys the daily comfort of the pleasant lounge outside her room with its generous view of the trees and garden.

Further afield in Bellingen NSW, Tosca van den Heuvel, as many will know, still has a strong 'heart connection' with St John's. In phone calls she often asks about various members of the parish community, especially Barbara Wirtzens (who often keeps in touch), Joe Pisciotta, and Barbara Gardiner. She is finding spiritual sustenance with friends in the Anglican community, and typically has managed to 'tame' the bookshop owner in nearby Coffs Harbour into sourcing religious and other life wellness books for her. Typical also is her care for neighbours in the retirement units where she lives. Maybe you have news to share of other members of our 'parish sans frontières'?

From Judy Kenny



**A** proverb reads: "Nothing we do changes the past, but everything we do changes the future." The fact is, that building the future, planting for the next generation to harvest, is what every generation is about. What are we leaving to the children of our time?

In a High Spiritual Season, Joan Chittister

*Are you interested in joining a*

**Zoom Coffee Group**

**First online chat**

**Sunday 26 April 10:00am**

*to join the group*

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A way to stay connected to each other as well as taking the opportunity to build and strengthen our personal relationships with Jesus while isolating.