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Staying Connected while Physically Distant

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Today's Gospel John 6: 1-15

Undeservingly Blessed

Each day I awake in amazement the blessings given to me so lovingly and freely. The past few months has seen drought, fire, hail and floods in the Territory but little did it impact me.

Now here in covid19 lockdown on the eve of ANZAC day, I am still asked to isolate for the sake of myself and others and the ramifications it has on our health system. It is no chore but rather a joy to live simply. I am in no need having a creature-comfortable house with clean, hot water and food available. These alone are becoming an increasingly great privilege with many more others in plight. The flattening curve both here in Canberra and nationally brings hope and relief. It is too hard to comprehend the position other communities face globally. So blessed am I.

It is a bit like the cross I see where Jesus paid His life for me on Calvary. When I stand at night beneath the Southern Cross and cast my gaze to a brand new morning light, I realise the privileges and blessings being for my life. I am reminded by the school song from childhood 'His banner over me His love'. How utterly undeservingly am I.

Marina Philip

What we find in the people we love is what we are looking for in ourselves. To whom do you look for direction in life? What does that tell you about what you need to develop in your own life?

In a High Spiritual Season, Joan Chittister



When the picture is put together

In these lonely days of Covid-19, we're as fragmented as the strewn pieces of a large jigsaw. And of all the ways to reconnect them, 'twould be wise to start not with the outside but with what gives life to both you and I – the river of love in the human heart. From this beating bed of our desires rises the springtime of our own Eden. And when the picture is put together, the viral winter will have disappeared in the warmth of our communal fires.

By Shane Murtagh