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Staying Connected while Physically Distant

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Nurturing our Connections

I recently read through COMPACT and read the list of those people who have died or whose anniversaries have occurred. There is always a couple of names I recognise and a longer and longer list of names of people I do not know.

During the current lock down it has come to my attention that my husband and I are regarded as the oldies where we live and are lucky enough to have a couple of neighbours who are kind enough to offer to do shopping etc for us. As oldies, perhaps I have reason for forgetting names, but just not having known them in the parish worries me.

Did I ever pass them at Mass and just nod, or worse still ignore them altogether? Have I ever sat behind them? Did they have children the same age as mine? I have lived outside the geographical boundaries of the parish for many years now, but still regard St John's as my base and try to keep a close connection, with diminishing success as shown by the increasing number of people whose names I do not recognise.

Many of us will have grown in recognition of the need for connections at this time, but we need to work at establishing and nurturing our connections.

May we recognise Jesus in the face of all we meet and even more so in the faces and voices of those to whom we say more than just hallo.

Janet Almond

Today's Gospel John 16:20-23

**GOD IS KING OF ALL THE EARTH
PSALM 46:8**



We are aware that we have a number of parishioners who are living with a terminal illness. We pray for them, their loved ones and their carer's. May God's love and courage sustain them through their illness and in their hour of need. Amen

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Submitted by Fay Padarin

**TRADITIONALLY MAY IS THE
MONTH OF MARY**

When you have Snapdragons in your vase or garden – take one bloom (preferably a white Snapdragon) squeeze the sides gently and pull away the lip jutting out – and who should you find – Mary holding her hands out in love for you.

Sent in by Pauline Greig

