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Staying Connected while Physically Distant

Monday 25 May 2020

Today's Gospel John 19:25-27

## EVEN THE DARKNESS IS NOT DARK TO YOU . . .

As well as caring for my beautiful mother and writing poetry, I tutor about twenty high school and year 11 & 12 students each week. Thankfully, I'm still able to see four face-to-face; as for the others, Zoom and Skype have been a Godsend. I mainly teach English, by the way, and I enjoy it very much. One of my students, Meher, recently presented me with a problem, though. She's in year 11 and attends Canberra Girls Grammar (ironically, like most teenagers, her knowledge of grammar is very limited!). Meher and her family had recently moved house, which sounded great until last Tuesday. That's when I admitted her to our Zoom meeting and a moment later looked into . . . complete darkness! A black screen. Not to worry, though, for I could hear her voice. She may have been invisible, but Meher was still there! And somehow, for the next hour, I managed to help her edit her psychology essay (my mobile phone proved useful, too).

In a way, it reminded me of the first time I read from the Book of Genesis at the Easter Vigil. All the candles had been extinguished and when I strode up to the ambo, I looked down at my lamp-lit reading, and then I looked out . . . into utter darkness. Again, I needn't have worried because I could hear the odd cough and, of course, I knew everyone was still there (at least I hoped they were!). It really threw me for a few seconds, though. Yet as always, God was with me, as God is with all of us.

These have been dark times for many, and my heart goes out to those who are suffering, jobless, lonely and bereaved – for all in anguish, please know that our love and prayers are with you. God loves us so much in and through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.



PSALM 112:2

Let's return that Love and be channels of it to each other. Then God's light will shine in the darkness.

*"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen."*

(Heb. 11:1)

*"Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day."* (Psalm 139:12)

Shane Murtagh

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - PATRON OF AUSTRALIA FEAST DAY 24 MAY

We pray that through Our Lady's intercession God will grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens, so that, under her protection, Australia may be granted, harmony, justice and peace.

God accept our prayers.  
Send us tears in return.  
Give freedom to this exchange.

Let us pray inwardly.

Let us weep outwardly.

This is the breathing of the soul.

This is the vitality of the spirit.

For this we give thanks.

Amen

Michael Leunig - A Common Prayer

