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Staying Connected while Physically Distant

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Community is a Blessing

There must be an election soon; I thought approaching the shops and seeing a local politician set up at the entrance. You can always tell, after years of being invisible MLA's start popping up like death cap mushrooms after a storm.

Approaching, I saw his sign **"Tell me about your isolation experience"**.

What could I tell him, in a concise few sentences before his eyes glazed over?

I wanted to ask why he will not allow me to return to my church, to Mass, to my MSC community. Why, with so many other places open was he still preventing me from fully re-joining my fellows at SJA at Sunday Mass?

Why prevent my participation in my ministries of Acolyte and Special Minister? Why deny me the opportunity to receive the Eucharist, the healing and love no matter how bad, sad or mad I have been?

I wanted him to know I was angry about being denied fellowship, of others at SJA, the friendly smile and encouraging words from Fr. Kimi and Fr Michael. The opportunities to support and contribute to our MSC parish to which I am so very fortunate to belong.

Thinking about this reminded me; again, that being part of an MSC parish community is a blessing. I was reminded of an MSC prayer card that says, "we ask that you give our MSC's reflective hearts to listen to your call and the courage to dare whatever it is you ask of them".

In going forward as an MSC parish perhaps this can be a prayer for all of us.

Anthony Noakes

Today's Gospel Mark 12: 18-27



Temple Respect

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with A high price. So you must honour God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19

I have visited some beautiful houses of worship: St Paul's Cathedral in London, St Stephen's in Vienna and the cathedral in Kolin, Germany. When I entered these buildings, I walked in with a sense of awe. I wouldn't have thought of scratching my name into the stone walls or spray painting a message on them.

No, these houses of worship deserve to be treated with respect. Perhaps we demonstrate more respect for these buildings than we do for our bodies, which are temples in which God lives if we have trusted Christ. Because our bodies were made by God and are inhabited by His Spirit, we need to treat them with honour God deserves.

Father God, what a privilege to be Your temple! May we treat it with respect. Amen

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YOU'LL FIND GOD LIVES THERE.**

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