



Christian Life Community Australia

Dear CLC Friends,

In these uncertain and unprecedented times, I feel the need to reach out to you all to offer encouragement and support as we grapple with the many changes to our daily lives, the fear in our community and the loss of so much that is familiar.

Firstly, I ask you to pray, especially for those who are seriously impacted by Covid 19, either in terms of illness, care of the vulnerable, loss of work or income or in some other way.

Secondly, I encourage you to reach out to one another and to those in your community who you know to be alone or especially vulnerable in some way and to share what you have with one another.

Thirdly, it is important to take care of ourselves, to listen and respond to the directives from our health care authorities and not to take unnecessary risks. It is also important to allow ourselves to grieve the losses we are experiencing, to feel the sadness and disappointment that so much that we planned and hoped for, will not now come about.

In your CLC groups, it is important to discern how best to maintain contact with one another. It is likely that most groups will suspend face to face meetings. For some groups, meeting by Zoom might be an option. At the end of this letter there are some basic directions for use of Zoom. Others might simply ring one another from time to time.

If you are simply feeling overwhelmed by the circumstances we are in and would like to talk to someone, I am very happy for anyone to phone me (0893324532/ 0402080785).

I do believe that as a community we have much to be grateful for and no virus can stop us from praying, loving and caring for one another. I believe that God will teach us much in the coming weeks about what is most important and that together we will create new opportunities and resources to grow in our faith. Eg I know that Father Iain Radvan SJ and Fr Andy Hamilton SJ are at this moment creating an online 14-day retreat that will be available in the coming weeks and Fr Michael Hansen has created some new reflections which will soon be available on our website.

Finally, I do encourage you to remember that our God is one who is with us in our trials, who loves and cares for each of us and who holds us in his hands.

May He bless you richly in these changing times and give you peace.

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Directions for use of CLC Zoom:

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