

THE GRAPEVINE – Issue 3: 2nd April 2020

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all. I hope that you are all keeping well. I am pleased to hear news of how you are all looking out for each other.

I am one of the world's greatest introverts, but even I am finding isolation quite difficult. We are human being make to be in relationship with one another. The 24 hour news doesn't help me. I want to keep up to date, but find the endless news on Covid 19 virus overwhelming, to the point that at times I feel paralysed and don't know what to even pray. For some of you isolation has been an everyday occurrence for some time, and others of us are learning a little of what life must be like for you each day. I also recognise that some of you may crave isolation having been cooped up with your family for over a week.

Although I have found this time difficult I have rediscovered my love of poetry, both in writing and reading poems. The other day I was very moved when Fergal Keane read a poem on Radio 4 by John O'Donohue a former RC Priest. It is my prayer for us all.

*This is the time to be slow, lie low to the wall until the bitter weather passes.
Try, as best you can, not to let the wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart all sense of yourself and your hesitant light.
If you remain generous, time will come good;
And you will find your feet again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind and blushed with beginning.*

N.B. This Sunday we will be sharing communion together so please have your bread and wine ready before watching. If you have stories or messages you would like to share with everyone please send them to me. This includes the children.

The GRAPEVINE goes out by email and post every week. If you know of anyone who would appreciate the bulletin by email or post please let Stan Woods know.

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Continue to look after each other by telephone, email, letter/cards etc. It is time for us to shine and offer help where we can. God bless.

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