

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS

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Fellowship

The pandemic is something that will be part of our psyche for quite some time. Many bad things happened the repercussions of which have yet to fully unfold. The pandemic has also helped us realise several truths about which we will also be reflecting for some time. One will be fellowship.

Many of us have had to spend much time in our own company. This time last year we were entering our third month of the first lockdown. Going out for our daily hour's exercise was one of the few ways we had to encounter people. Conversations were limited to phone calls, facetime and Zoom gatherings. In the practice of our faith coming together was a struggle. Zoom was a great help; we could at least see each other and talk. Yet it was not quite the same.

Fellowship is rather more than coming together for a conversation. Fellowship is about sharing in a meaningful and purposeful way. Last Sunday we celebrated the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the ultimate symbol of fellowship. A unity within diversity that reflects its wholeness in its variety. We, the church at St Peter's should reflect this too when we come together in fellowship. The first Sunday we opened for coffee after Mass showed how we value and how we have missed fellowship.

Like all relationships, fellowship requires work and commitment. The Trinity is a divine commitment to the diversity of the unity and to the enormity of creation reflecting the Trinity's integral part in the cosmos; ultimately being the relationship the Trinity seeks in us, revealed in our relationship with each other.

As we return to church, to life, to family and friends we value our relationships, our fellowship with new insight. With this in mind we could reset our relationship with God, renewing and refreshing our commitment to prayer, worship and service. There is a phrase being used now, "reset not restart". Maybe that is where we renew and revalue our fellowship.

Love and prayers,

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