

Wednesday 13th May 2020

Dear Parish Family,

Please be assured of my ongoing prayers for you – I am conscious not only of the difficulties of social isolation because of the COVID-19 threat, but of the many trials with which people are faced, which are made all the more difficult due to the COVID-19 situation. Once I have received formal advice from the Diocese, I can advise you in what capacity our church will be reopened for some, carefully regulated activity (as social distancing is eased in the coming weeks). In the meantime, we have a team of people engaged with the production of online resources and these are made available through DVD and printed material also, which is delivered each week to those without email. If you are having any difficulty with any materials, please let me know and I will do my best to ensure accessibility.

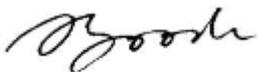
I wanted to acknowledge the work of a small team of people, who despite the difficult situation, are ensuring that both St Alban's and St Paul's are maintained and kept in great condition. As social restrictions are eased, and the autumn leaves fall we will need some more help, particularly at St Paul's to stay on top of the work. The weeds too, have enjoyed recent rain and require a once of job. There will be an article in the weekly newsletter due out later this week and you can contact Peter Keith if you are able to assist.

The 'paperwork' is now all but complete for demolition and construction to begin at St Paul's. We are just waiting one more certificate from Riverina Water for the builder to receive final construction clearance from Council.

And finally, on a more personal note, it appears as if my Nat will undergo bilateral knee replacements sooner rather than later. I will keep you informed but this will require me to go on extended leave and so I am working with staff and Parish Council to ensure continuity of ministry. In many ways, it is an ideal time, with the parish settled into a COVID-19 rhythm of ministry and the staff available via JobKeeper, and the wonderful 'priesthood of all believers' in full swing. We would certainly appreciate your prayers and I will keep you informed as to timing and arrangements when I can.

It is always wonderful to hear from you either by phone, message, or email.

Your Rector,



Scott Goode

