



EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE AUGUSTINIAN PROVINCIAL

On behalf of the Augustinians of the Australian Province, I assure each of you who are part of an Augustinian parish community that you are in our prayers and thoughts this Easter.

This is a difficult time for each of you, your families, parish communities and our global community. Liturgically we celebrate the passage of Jesus through suffering, death into life and we share in that journey. In what is happening at present we feel the heaviness of the first part of this journey without much experience of the joy of Easter.

Yet like the green shoots emerging tentatively but surely from the burnt eucalyptus trees of the Australian bushland, signs of Easter are there. Signs of Easter are present in our simple yet extraordinary acts of kindness towards one another in the present corona crisis. They are present in the health care workers on the frontline who are giving of themselves for others. They are present in the sacrifices of public officials who realistically deal with caring for the community in this crisis at the same time as acting to sustain hope. The Augustinians are one with you at this time.

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