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Dear Parishioners,

To all the Mothers of our Parishes and to those who have acted as Mothers I wish you a most blessed Mother's Day!

We are now in the 5th week of Easter and we find ourselves remaining in isolation. This time we are in a time like no other, and of course, Nova Scotia has seen more than its share of tragic events, over the past weeks. We pray for Dylan and his family today and hope for an outcome that brings healing and peace to his family.

COVID-19 does not appear to be ending soon. Chances are, before it goes away, it could hit close to home. It is in many of our towns and cities. It may well enter some of our families and the lives of those we love. Be practical and wise in what you do. But do not live in fear.

What I fear, more than COVID-19, is that we will forget who we are and to whom we belong. As a church, we need to take preventive measures and commit ourselves to prayer. We need to rely on the health officials and professionals for advice and entrust our lives to Christ. We need to take full advantage of the resources we have been given and follow the best-practices of those who can give helpful and health-giving advice. And then we need to step back and stay centered and remind each other that we are people of faith – We place all of our hope in the one who gave His life for us. Jesus Christ!

I am praying for our leaders and for those who will make decisions throughout the world. I am praying for our Pope, Bishop, Priests, Deacons and Religious. I ask the Holy Spirit to protect us as a church community. I am praying and I will continue to pray, but *I am not afraid*. These are most difficult times, but we put our trust in the one who gave his life for us. Please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you.

The celebrations of my masses are online for you (link may be found on the St Theresa web site: www.sainttheresasydney.com) and also on "My Parish" App. <https://www.facebook.com/sainttheresa.sydney.1> and https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYB8RYu9dA5_-A7Ibewde8g/videos

Mary mother of God ... Pray for us, St Therese Pray for Us ... "Do not abandon yourselves to despair: We are the Easter people, and Hallelujah is our song."

~ **Pope John Paul II**

Yours in Christ

Fr. Dennis Lamey P.p.