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Clearly, I am not a good blogger haha

I have been almost a year since last I wrote.

2020 is all but half passed. I dare say many have been wishing it away!

Covid 19 and lockdown have been a challenge, have they not! For those like myself, who are introverts, it has possibly been a bit easier...but still no picnic.

For several Sunday from late February and into March one could see it coming but I think many of us thought we would have the all clear by Easter...or, even if churches were still locked up, we would be able to have outdoor services at Easter.....certainly by Pentecost! But here we are, the 20<sup>th</sup> of June and the light at the end of the tunnel might just be seen as a dot in the distance!

From the start I decided to treat the time as a retreat...I fixed times of prayer...the Divine Office...Daily Mass...time spend reading and in study...time spent tidying the house and working in the garden.... gradual ringing around of everyone, especially those of more advanced years, to check up and cheer up and thankfully, everyone continues to be well!

People have been so kind! The foodbank collection bins here on the rectory step and at St Regulus' and in North Kessock...have been filled over and over again. Those on the rectory step...emptied and delivered several times each week! It is wonderful discovering how we have all been looking out for one another and for the vulnerable and the less fortunate around us!

It continues to be a rich time of prayer...but also of concern. Praying together, via Facebook livestream and messenger, has been a wonderful blessing and seems to have reached many and been a source of comfort and strength. I have even been asked by 15 people of various ages to sit down together after this time has passed and discuss baptism, the faith, and becoming part of the church!

I am missing my flock though. I have been warning everyone that, when we are able to gather again, they best wear bubble-wrap as I may be hugging them enough to crack ribs!

Even though lockdown is relaxing a bit, we have a way to go! Let us continue to be God's prayerful people.....loving and serving him.....and one another!

Much love to all!