

Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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So, I read a comment somewhere today that made me smile—"I need to practice social distancing from my refrigerator!"

Today was a day for preparing for what is coming up in the rest of Holy Week and planning the services. It feels really strange this year as we move through the stories that are part of this important week.

Tonight, for something different, I have posted a very special video that has Barbara Robertson speaking to our children and presenting a special **Holy Week and Easter craft idea**. Check out her video (on the Parish Facebook page—even the adults might like to take this project on:

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/614688635782350/>

On a traditional fun note, Oisin Smith one of our young people has taken up baking with a great deal of vigor in this period of isolation. He is enjoying making **Hot Cross Buns**. He says that he could take orders from up to 10 people for half-a-dozen Buns, in exchange for a donation to the Ottawa Food Bank or the Ottawa Mission. You would need to pick them up from his home in the Hintonburg area, but if you are interested, contact Oisin for more details by noon on Thursday at oisin.smith@icloud.com

I just spoke with the family of our **COVID-19 positive parishioner**. Unfortunately, it looks like we are in this for the "long-term." Tests today revealed that a complication has come up and the individual will remain on the ventilator for a while longer. The good news is that the Doctor reports the individual is stable. The family appreciates and requests our continued prayers for the patient and all the medical staff that are attending to the needs of the individual.

Tonight's prayer is the prayer for Tuesday in Holy Week but very appropriate for our ongoing situation:

*O God, by the passion of your blessed Son, you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. May our lives be so transformed by his passion that we may witness to his grace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen***

God bless each of us as we move through these challenging days.

Chris