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Hello everyone. I have a question, well, a few actually.

I've been wondering if, as time drags on during the lockdown and it looks like Churches will be among the last groups to re-open their buildings, have you missed gathering together? Before the lockdown, was coming to Mass on a Sunday something you looked forward to and enjoyed. Do you value the social gatherings of the Church and are they something that you miss particularly? Do you miss being on one of the rotas that or part of the teams that help the church function from week to week? Is missing Church the same as missing God? You see, lots of questions and questions that need thinking about before we make a return to 'normal'.

For me, there have been many ways in which God has made himself present during the last couple of months that, whilst different from usual, have nevertheless been very real and important. I hope that that has been part of your experience too. For we know that God is with us always but even for the most faithful of us, He may be hard to perceive sometimes. Perhaps there's a discussion group in that once the lockdown is over!

Tom

And finally... from anonymous friend...

Two sociologists are sitting by the pool [appropriately social distanced I am sure].

One turns to the other and asks, "Have you read Marx?" to which he replies

"Yes, it's these damn wicker chairs."

Karl Marx only drank coffee because, he said, "Property is theft"

I see what he did there!

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