



Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

12th April 2020

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“The Lord’s invitation to let our light so shine is not just about randomly waving a beam of light and making the world generally brighter. It is about focusing our light so others may see the way to Christ.”

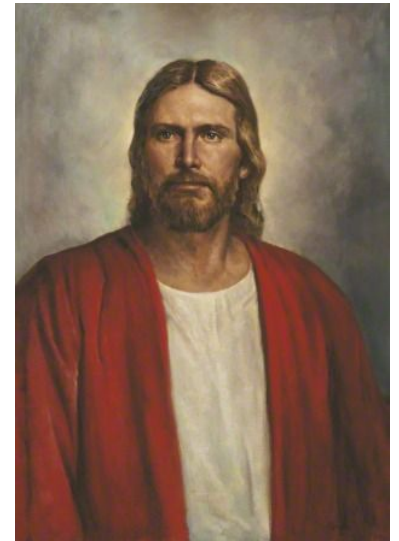
Sister Bonnie H. Cordon

Bishop’s Message

Hi Ward Family,

I believe it’s the 5th Sunday since we last met in a Sacrament meeting together. It feels a lot longer. I do get the sense that for some, being away is becoming a challenge. I’m encouraged and I hope it brings some comfort the words from President Nelson *“These unique challenges will pass in due time. I remain optimistic for the future”*.

Our central focus as church members is the Saviour and this Easter weekend is especially significant as Christians across the world celebrate his resurrection and acknowledge him as our Savior and redeemer. Thanks to Him we all can now be resurrected. We know He continues to live today glorified and perfected with a body of flesh and bone. In Luke 24:39 the Saviour showed himself to Mary Magdalene and other disciples and said *“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have”* This knowledge that He lives is a real blessing to me, knowing He leads, guides and directs His church and us is comforting to know all will be well.



Some members may have missed the world invitation by President Nelson in his conference address to fast on Good Friday. President Nelson said, *“Let us prayerfully plead for relief from this global pandemic.”* Can I invite those members that may have missed this date to find an alternative time to fast. I’m sure Heavenly Father knows the intent of our heart and will include your prayers with all the others on Good Friday.

Can I end with a few comments about the April General Conference. Can I encourage all to watch as many of the incredible talks as you can, if you haven’t already done so? There are so so many golden nuggets to be found for each of us individually and collectively that are spiritually life-changing and uplifting. For me, my favorites so far are the surprises from President Nelson and Elder Bednar who spoke about the acceleration of the lord’s work and many other talks.

I hope we all have a wonderful Easter weekend, please be good citizens and stay home, as we focus together on Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sincerely
Bishop Spark

Ward Announcements

- Due to the risks of contracting COVID-19 the sacrament will no longer be possible in the homes without Priesthood.
- General Conference was held last weekend. You can access it on the church website or in your gospel library app. The bishopric has printed copies and DVDs of the Sunday session for those without the internet.
- Friday 24th April: Greenmount Ward online quiz using Kahoots and Zoom, starting at 7pm, more details in next week's newsletter.
- Wed 15th April: Ward Youth Activity online using Zoom, starting at 7pm, details below.
- All current and past newsletters are posted on greenmountward.com.au.

Tithing Pickup

Our next tithing pickup will be Sunday the 3rd of May. Please contact one of the Bishopric members to add your name to our pick up list.

Relief Society President Message

Getting to know the sisters

Each week we are going to have a few questions and answers from different sisters to help us learn about and from each other. To help draw us closer in this time of isolation.

Hello from Ineke Lentz-Reid

Something that's stood out in the "Come Follow Me" studies thus far:

I have felt a real connection with Mormon as of late. The isolation he must have felt has become a lot more relevant in the passing weeks. Along with pondering on the great faithfulness and dedication he must have had to have had. Even though we are in isolation, of sorts, we can still be in contact with our friends and family. We still know that there are others of our faith and we stay connected. But he was alone for so long. Compiling the history and teachings into one book. Not knowing when or really why he was told to do most of it but believing that there was a purpose for it and faithfully trusting God's timing.

What would be the most amazing adventure to go on?

There are so many places and amazing things to see in this world it would be an endless list. However, I think adventures become amazing because of the people and the time you share with them. Honestly even a simple camping adventure is amazing when it's with people you care for. The memories you make with the people around you are what make things important and amazing.

Some Hobbies:

I like to write and draw. I draw mainly cartoons. I have brought some amazing coloring pencils which I use, I also use paints my favorite paint being gouache. Often things I draw I then convert into stories. Some very long and some just short stories. I find it quite fun bringing a character to life and seeing where I can take them. Although I

love writing my grammar and spelling have a lot to be desired of but I'm sure if I keep working at it I'll keep improving little by little.

What are some small things that make today better?

Having small tasks to accomplish in the day makes my day better, even if it's just making my bed. Doodling a picture. Reading scriptures saying prayers. I have also been enjoying dancing at home for exercise. As long as you accomplish one thing it can make the day a little better. Having goals and tasks to do makes my day better.

What's the best and worst advice you have received?

BEST: Treat others with kindness despite what they may do because you don't know their story.

WORST: It's not that spicy just try it. – my face went bright red and my mouth didn't have much feeling in it for a while.

Best Thing about Isolation?

I have had fun revisiting old activities and games to keep myself entertained. Recently our flat got a few old console games. One of them being Singstar (basically karaoke) which I used to love as a teenager. Reminded me of my 16th birthday party only the singing was a lot more in tune... well, not by me.

The "Life and Times" of a Ward at home

Youth

Youth Online Activity

We will be hosting a combined online youth activity on Wednesday at 7 pm in a similar format as the previous activity on zoom. We will email and post the link in the youth chat to join about an hour before the activity so you can join at any point. Prepare to have some fun! Pay attention to how things are run because we will be asking you to organize these activities in the future.

Birthdays this Week

Lyn McKenzie
Lajla McDonald



Primary

I hope those of you old enough in primary were able to try and fast as our prophet has asked. We need to remember all our many blessings and to whom they come from. Remember our Savior and even when things seem bad our heavenly father is there helping us through.

In Heleman 14:17

“But behold, yes, even all mankind, and bringeth them back into the presence of the lord.”

This weekend is a time to remember our Savior and our blessings and a great chance to listen to our prophet at the conference. Hoping you all have a great and safe Easter.

Love Primary

Weekly “Come, Follow Me” Home Centered Learning

We encourage you to continue your home-centered learning by continuing the “Come, follow me” program. If you need a “Come, follow me” manual, please call or message Luke Holder 0435 553 357 your name and address to get one delivered to your door this week! The learning schedule:

April 13–19 Mosiah 1–3	April 20–26 Mosiah 4–6	April 27–May 3 Mosiah 7–10	May 4–May 10 Mosiah 11–17
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The Isolation Cantillation



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If you want to add something to the newsletter then please contact Michael McIlwaine on

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