



Diocese of North
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Dear Colleagues in Ministry.

Updates on those who are ill:

Please keep praying for those I have referred to in previous Ad Clera. The Reverend Dallas Simonsen has had a bit of a rough time, but he is making good progress now. The Reverend Lindsay Howie continues to improve. Please give thanks to God for the healing blessings these people have received.

The Very Reverend Don Barter will undergo surgery this week. Please pray for both Don and Pam at this time.

Please pray for The Acting Dean, Fr. John Candy as he prepares for surgery in a couple of weeks.

The Reverend Ian McAlister continues his treatment as does The Reverend Joe Bove.

Two more hospitalisations:

Fr. Allen Hitch was admitted to hospital last Thursday. He is making good progress but will be in for a few more days.

Fr. Bob Dawkins was discharged from the Atherton Hospital yesterday and is back home. Fr. Bob has not been well for a little while. We are pleased the test results were clear.

I am conscious that a number of our laity is not well and some have undergone surgery and others are in hospital.

Not in My Church:

I will be forwarding to each parish a copy of this DVD addressing domestic violence by Church members and providing some ways the Church can respond.

I found the DVD very chilling, but I do believe it raises issues ministry teams should be aware of and seek ways to address. It covers such topics as, the kind of abuse, cycle of violence, turning to the Church, submission, forgiveness and what do we preach, to name a few. There are other resources such as fact sheets.

If a session was to be conducted in the parish, you would need to allow two hours.

Please be assured of my prayers.

Yours in Christ,

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