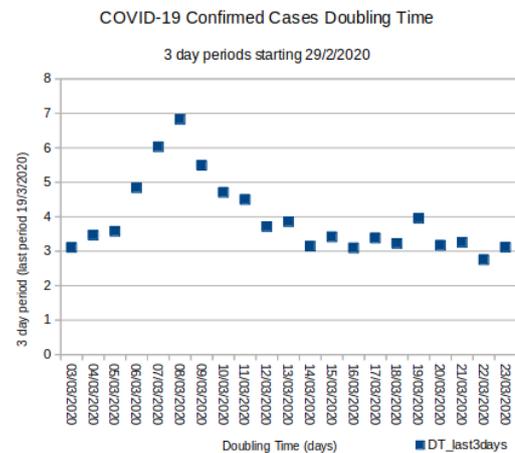


Miller Residence
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Dear Elbows, Knees, Spleens and Foramina of Winslow(!),

The Miller household is well and remains isolated from friends and fellows. We have been cut off from most fellowship by the desire to not add to the potential for infection and infective spread. Unfortunately the news demonstrates that this desire is not a characteristic of the Australian population.

I am also dismayed by the lack of decisive action that we undertook at St Johns. I wrote about the transmission of the virus causing COVID-19, and today (2 weeks later) the predictions have come true at least 5 times with no end in sight. Personally I have been tracking the time taken to double the Confirmed Cases since the last Parish Council (7 days ago). At that time we were doubling every 3 days, and it's still going at that rate.



This week the family activity is quite widely varied. I am on call so I have to be at work all day every day. I'm still trying to convince my colleagues to go and work from home. Allison has been instructed to work from home, which she has been able to do for years anyway. Verity is home without work and gets bored episodically. Then she wanders in and asks innocently "what you doing?"

Tomorrow is bible study night and we will be trying to link together with Skype. I understand that the computer savvy folks are looking for one platform for all of us to use. I'm sure that they will be in touch soon.

The Bible in a Year effort with John Thew is an excellent undertaking if you find yourself bored. We are still going through Genesis but it is exciting reading. As they say in movie reviews – lots of real, flawed characters with mother and father issues, twists and turns, betrayal and reunion, stupidity and maturity. The contrast of Joseph with his father is stark. I commend the effort of reading everyday to you. I do my reading in the morning just after waking when I still feel warm and cozy, but from the comments you can tell that others are doing the reading last thing at night.

Proverbs was part of reading this morning. Wisdom was portrayed as a person to engage with and pursue. A celebrity! We need a lot of wisdom now. This virus thing will fundamentally change how we do things. The personal part of relationships will be greatly reduced. I know that I will be shopping differently when things get back to 'normal'. I am thinking that a 2-3 week supply of food and basics will be persistently available. I think that when we have been driven to work at home, many will start to take that as the normal option.

I would like to encourage you all. Persist brother and sisters! We are obedient in all things because we belong to Him and His reputation is more important. Remember that we have phone and email and other ways of contact. We need to share what we find in abundance. Does anyone need their lawn mowed next weekend? Does anyone need shopping done?

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