

# Thought for the Month

April 2020

“Light at the end of the tunnel”

At the time of writing this, the news headlines are dominated by the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. It still is not clear how widespread the outbreak will be in this country or how serious its effects. This inevitably casts a shadow over our everyday lives.

Regardless of whether we come into direct contact with the virus, restrictions are being placed on what people can and can't do; events that we may have been looking forward to may be cancelled, and travel restrictions call into question our holiday plans. Regardless of the actual risk we face, if we follow the advice about how to look after ourselves, things seem rather bleak at the moment.

As our journey through Lent draws to a close at the start of April, we are reminded that for Jesus' followers the excitement of having been in the presence of the Messiah seemed to come to an abrupt end with his arrest and crucifixion. Their world seemed to fall apart around them and for a time they lived with fear and uncertainty.

Of course, as we know, the crucifixion wasn't the end of the story, and the darkness was dispelled by the joy of the resurrection on Easter morning.

More than ever this year, the Easter story tells us that, however worrying the current situation may be, we can be reassured that God is always with us, even in the darkest of times. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, the never faltering light of Christ.

Jesus said: *“I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

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