Dear Saints,
The late nights and early mornings finally caught up with me. My body said "enough". Flu is nature's way of saying, "rest a while."

Listening is important. It's important in marriages. In families. In work places. In the community of faith. Except here we call "listening" something else. We call it "discernment". This word suggests leaning in to the whisper of the Spirit. Or as Jesus put it, "Look at the sign of the times!"

One doesn't have to be "woke" to see things. One doesn't have to listen to Youtube videos of the woke telling us the latest conspiracy doing the rounds. All one has to do is listen. Discern the signs.

Sometimes discernment requires waiting; not just rushing off on the next headline. I used to think Saffers were bad at flying off the handle. Americans seem to be much worse. Sometimes, being discerning means stepping off the pedal and waiting to see how it unfolds.

This has to do with Wisdom, I think. "Wisdom" is a biblical concept that has to do with seeing God active in the world. "Where is God at work?" in other words.

Psalm 112 is the lection for Sunday, and it is a Wisdom Psalm. Yes, Wisdom even appears there!

Saints, maybe in crazy times, we need to not be in a rush to follow the crazy; in irrational times, cool heads are better; when times seem out of our control, we need to be on our knees.

Session has set our ACM for the 25th September, so do look out for more on that.

Our finances are not looking good since COVID19. Elders, Mr Tshinanne Mutshatshi, and Zeno Gondwe, are running Comrades this weekend. We wish them well. And as they run 90km, they are asking us to sponsor them per kilometre, with the proceeds going to St Columba's. So please sign up, pledge your R1 or 10 per kilometre they run. Thanks, gents, godspeed, and thanks for running for St Columba's Hatfield!

Folks, we launch our Sunday School on 4th September, so it's Kiddies Time at St. Columba's next Sunday. Bring your parents to the Service!

Praise the Lord! Let's be discerning of what our God is doing!
A blessed and peaceful weekend to you all!
Rev. Craig
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