



Message from Fr Joe Rooney SM

Hello to all my brothers in Australia.

I thank you for the province newsletter, delighted to get the news from my old province. I know more people in the Australian province than I do in my home province. My times in Japan and in Australia have been very significant in my journey. And I am very grateful.

This email is proof that I am still alive. I am in Nazareth House nursing home, Dublin, since March.

I had two falls in January and decided it was time for me to come to the nursing home before I became too dependent. The plan was not to wait until I was too dependent and have difficulty settling into a new residence. It has worked out very well.

I am keeping very well have no aches or pains, eating and sleeping well. I am very much at home here with my new community, beyond my expectations.

Nazareth house is a good place to be because we are safe from the virus. They are very strict in the observance of all the regulations. I feel very safe.

The staff are wonderful - people from all around the world, India, Brazil, Mexico, Romania, Poland and of course people from Ireland. A microcosm of what the World Community should be? The food is excellent and the company wonderful. The corridor I'm on has 24 Holy Ghost fathers. Most of them have been missionaries in Africa and South America so we have many stories to share.

I am very much enjoying the contemplatives stage of my life. A wonderful blessing.

I hope you are all keeping well and safe. Shalom,

Joe