

**"...Do not justify your sinful actions
and then say you are a follower of Mine..."**

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Editorial

The Messages

Jesus tells us this Month that we must show Him the side we have chosen to follow by our actions. He tells us that soon we will see His Power as He claims back what is His. Again, His calls are for us to die to the sin within us so that we can see and follow Him. It is we who choose, by our efforts, if we follow Him or not.

Jesus also speaks of what it is to follow Him. In a Message given on the Feast of the Sacred Heart this year, He challenges us and He asks us if our hearts burn at the mere mention of His Name. It seems like He is trying to show us what it really is to follow Him and, within these Words, He is simply calling us deeper and deeper into Him.

The Plight of Others

The Plight of Others brings to light the very disturbing education 'rights' the governments are subjecting our teenagers to. Our children are being taught to sin and that it is ok to sin, it is their 'sexual freedom.' It is quite disturbing.

Saint Michael House

We are very excited at the ongoing work at the Saint Michael House. Updates can be read within.

Interview with Evans

We continue this month with the second instalment of our interview

with Father Evans, our Kenyan priest friend who recently came to visit us again.

Shepherd

On the back cover of this Newsletter are the lyrics of the new song 'Shepherd.' 'Shepherd' is an original song written by Patrick Rushe and arranged by SonLight. It is an interaction between Jesus and the soul and is very beautiful. Patrick has recently created an accompanying video for it and this can be viewed on our Youtube channel.



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The Messages of Love

as given to the two Patricks

Thursday 1 June 2023

Children of Mine, My Spirit now walks the earth and My Justice is at work undoing the tangle of lies that blocks the Truth of what is really happening on this earth. The greed of those in power intensifies and they now blind themselves to their own actions and this will bring about their own downfall. Trust Me, children, and know My Justice is My Truth and I will show the Truth and this world will rebel but, you, My followers, must stay at My Side and forgive all.
Trust in Me.
Trust.
I Love you.

Friday 2 June 2023

Children of Mine, follow Me in Truth. Do not justify your sinful actions and then say you are a follower of Mine. Believe in Me, children, have faith and know that

I am with you.

Trust in Me and always follow Me in Truth. Great times are ahead for those who have listened and walked the Path I have set before them.

Trust Me, children, you have now entered the Time of My Justice. A time where only Truth will survive. Only those who follow My Truth will know joy. Believe, children, the time of Justice is the time when My remnant will show this world that they have faith in Me, their God.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Prepare.

Sunday 4 June 2023

My children, listen to My Words: it has begun, the Justice of your God now walks this earth. The great battle has begun and you must show Me which side you have chosen by your actions.

Now, you will see the Power of your God as I reclaim that, that has been stolen through lies. Yes, many will refuse to return but I will force no one to believe in Me and My Ways. I give all freedom to choose.

You, My children, who wish to follow Me, must prepare by dying to self, remove the sin from your

lives and show Me that you believe by your actions.
I Love you.

Monday 5 June 2023

Come to Me, children of Mine, with joy in your hearts for your freedom is at hand. The chains of injustice are being unshackled from you. My followers, I have told, I will give you a voice and this I will do.

Prepare, prepare, prepare, children, for My Spirit will sweep the darkness aside. All who follow Me in Truth will see and understand the meaning of My Words. I will show all the Truth and all those who want to know Me will have many chances to return as My Spirit shows this world the true Power of My Creation.

Prepare, mankind, for the wonder of your God descends and this world will not understand; your scientists will be stumped for they, too, will be lost in their lack of understanding and confusion. I am the Creator and My Creation obeys My Will.

Prepare, it begins! My Words will be listened to, once again, and this world will not be able to stop the spread of My Truth.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Tuesday 6 June 2023

My children, many, many Words I have given to you in order that you follow Me in Truth. I have told you not to justify your sin and prepare for the time when My Justice would walk this earth.

This time is now upon you and still I tell you to prepare for, soon, all will change in ways that you would never have thought possible and this world will stand in confusion when all that they think they knew and understood comes crumbling down.

Mankind, you do not know what you have done with your false knowledge. You have listened to the lies of lucifer and now I must intervene to stop the destruction of all life. You are surely a blind and an evil generation and you must be stopped for the sake of the few who remain faithful to My Truth.

I will reclaim many who have been blinded by the lies of those who have given themselves over to the ways of lucifer. They are now but puppets and will never return. It has begun and little time is left.

My people will be given a voice and My Truth will begin to shatter the web of lies that has fallen over all the peoples of this earth. Your Freedom approaches rapidly now, children.

Prepare.

I Love you.

Thursday 8 June 2023

Truth is what I seek, children. It is only Truth that will enter the Kingdom of your God for I am the Truth and I will allow no darkness to enter My Kingdom. Do not blind yourselves by saying you are a follower of Mine when you do not follow My Laws and justify your sin.

Trust Me, children, and walk in

My Truth. Love one another as I have Loved you.
Truth, children, Truth is the only Path to the Kingdom of your God. Look at your life and trust Me, I will help you change.
Trust.
I Love you.

Thursday 8 June 2023

My children, My Love for you is great and I will not allow the destruction of My Creation for the sake of My remnant. I will intervene, I will put a stop to those who have chosen to listen to the lies of lucifer and now are blinded by the lust for power and material wealth.

Children, can you not see? Can you not see that your lives are so short and that the most important thing you can do is to prepare for your eternal lives?

Trust Me and die to self: remove the sin from your lives and come, walk with Me. Trust Me and prepare for the Days of Power are here and My Spirit is at work. My Justice will spill into every life on this earth, no one will escape.

Trust Me.
I Love you.

Friday 9 June 2023

Children of Mine, listen to the Words I speak and do not allow the lies of this world to take you away from Me. This world cannot see the danger they have placed themselves in.

I, your God, am telling you the Truth so that you will know and know how to stay safe in the face

of the danger.

I cannot force you to believe. I will force no one to believe; you have freedom to believe or not but, I will tell you, at the end of this time, the only ones that will be left are those who have listened to Me. This is Truth that I tell you for mankind has opened the gates to their own destruction.

Trust Me, take on My Words and prepare.

I Love you.

Friday 9 June 2023

Believe, children of Mine, and know that I am with you when you turn to Me.

Believe, children, I give these Words to help you through this time of great peril for all mankind. Trust Me and believe and I will guide you through this time but you must trust and have faith in Me, your God. I will guide you.

Believe.
I Love you.

Saturday 10 June 2023

Have faith in Me, children, and believe in the Words I speak through My Mother and Myself all over this world. I do not bring a new Message but I simply reiterate the Words I have already spoken within My Scriptures.

I speak in Words that you can understand in this time but My Words are the same. Die to self, repent of your sin and live good



lives in the knowledge that I am your God and that I will look after all those who turn to Me in Truth. Come, children of Mine, and walk with Me.
Trust Me.
I Love you.

Sunday 11 June 2023

Come to Me, children of Mine, and see the Truth of My Words. I do not lead you astray but I lead you away from the danger that you are now in by your acceptance of the lies of lucifer.

Sin has not changed because of the times you now live in; sin is darkness and I will not accept your sin as Truth.

Wake up and see the Truth, stop justifying your sin. I will not accept men copulating with men and women copulating with women, this is an abomination in My Sight. I will not accept your sexual relationships outside marriage, these are all grievous sins in My Sight.

I have given you a set of Laws, a set of Rules to live your lives by but, if you abandon them, then you abandon the Path of your God and only walk the path to hell.

This is the Truth that you do not want to listen to and blind yourselves to by saying that I will accept you. No, I will not accept you when you deny My Laws. I am the Truth and if you deny My Laws then you reject Me and have no place in the Kingdom of Heaven.

These are not new Words: read My Gospels, read My Scriptures, open

your hearts and see the Truth. See the danger that you are in. Call upon Me, I will Forgive you if you turn towards Me in Truth. Trust Me.
I Love you.

Friday 16 June 2023

Feast of the Sacred Heart

My children, on this Day of My Heart, I ask a question of each one of you who follow Me. Answer Me truthfully in your hearts.

Does your heart still burn within you when you hear My Words? Whether it be My Scripture or My Messages?

When your heart burns at the mere mention of My Name then you are on your way to the Kingdom. If it does not then, where are you going if not to Me?

For the heart to burn, you must love Me with a sincere heart, willing to lay down your very life for Me. I hear your protests telling Me that you do love Me but I say that you do not pray; you pray as the pagans do:

5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

7 And when you pray, do not use

vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

Matthew 6:5-7

And again:

23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:23-24

I call all My followers to pray in spirit and in truth for as I told the people of Israel:

6 For I delight in loving-kindness, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.

Hosea 6:6

I call you, in these days, to pray with a sincere heart; a heart that does not pray when they have hatred for a brother, or a heart that is full of malice. Pray with your heart and not with the things in your head that lead to another's destruction; pray with love for Me in your heart, with a willingness to change the way you live your life. Be like the tax collector:

10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

12 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

13 "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

14 "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:10-14

I am asking that My followers love Me in Truth. I am asking for your whole heart, your whole mind and your whole strength in loving Me. Learn in your prayer by praying with a sincere act of the will; I will Teach you but you must come to Me loving Me. My own Heart burns when you pray in sincerity for then I know that you love Me and are willing to be taught the Ways of Heaven by My Spirit.

All these things I tell you in Truth so that you may be prepared for what is to come. When your heart burns when you hear My Word at all times, then you know that you are being taught.

There is yet a Fire in Me and how I wish it were already lit. That Fire is your sincere love for Me.

Tuesday 13 June 2023

Make haste, children, you have so little time left to prepare. Already, My Spirit has untangled many parts of the web and these begin to be seen. Soon, all will come tumbling down and this world will stand in shock at what those in power have done in order to line

their own pockets with the wealth of this world. See, children, it begins and so few are prepared. Make haste, children of Mine, for the harvest is great and the labourers are few. I need your hands, your feet and your lips in order to help your brothers and sisters who are in need. Trust Me and prepare. I Love you.

Wednesday 14 June 2023

Have faith, children, for the day of your Freedom fast approaches. Come follow Me in Truth and see all My Promises come to pass. I have told you I would give you a voice and this will come to pass rapidly and this world will begin to know the Truth once again, and the balance will be restored. Trust Me, children, have faith in My Words and prepare. I Love you.

Thursday 15 June 2023

Trust Me and believe in My Love for you, children of Mine. Feel as My Power builds within this world and it begins to sever the chains of lies that have been built over many years. I tell you the Truth, children, My Power is My Justice and it cannot be stopped. My Words will all be fulfilled and this world will be freed of the chains of evil that it is now bound in. My witnesses will announce My Truth and the nations will look in wonder. My Truth is revealed to all who are willing to listen. Prepare, children, so that you, too, can witness to My Truth for

all who listen shall become My witnesses of Love. Trust Me for you now live in the time of the Justice of your God. Trust Me. I Love you.

Friday 16 June 2023 **Feast of the Sacred Heart**

Come to Me, children of Mine, and walk this Path I set before you. Read My Scriptures so that you know the Truth of My Life, My Ways, My Gospel. Do not reject My Words for they are Truth and they are Love.

Come to Me often, say My Mother's Rosary for this is a meditation on the Truth of My Life, My Gospel Path. Trust Me: sit in silence and think of My Truth and it will set you free. Trust Me, children of Mine, die to self for it is self that does not wish to meditate, does not wish to pray.

Fight the desires of self.

Fight the sin in your lives and spend time with Me in front of My Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. I am truly Present in the Eucharist of Love. Trust Me, children, I Love you.

Heaven is yours if you walk this Path, trust Me.

I Love you.

Sunday 18 June 2023

Trust Me, children of Mine, and walk this Path of Truth I set before you. I have come in these Words to point you back to the Truth I have already given to you but has been forgotten. My Gospels, My Scriptures, are My

Truth. They cannot be changed to suit what you call your modern time.

I am the Truth and I am the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. I am the Word and I do not change. Look at what I say and come follow Me in Truth.

The Time of Justice is My Spirit and you must be ready for Him when He Touches your life.

Trust Me and prepare.

I Love you.

Monday 19 June 2023

Trust Me and believe in My Words, children of Mine. The Justice of your God comes to all the countries of this world. Already, you can see the cracks begin to appear as My Truth begins to reveal the web of lies that all in power are involved in.

Trust Me and stay close to Me, children, in this 'Time of Great Tribulation.' Believe that I am with you.

Trust Me and stay close.

I Love you.

Tuesday 20 June 2023

Believe, children of Mine, as My Spirit of Justice walks among you. Call upon His Help to bring My Truth to the dark places of this world that you live in. Trust Me, I will bring Justice to every country of this world, no darkness shall escape. I will free mankind of the chains of lies that all are bound in at this time.

Trust Me, children, your freedom approaches rapidly.

Prepare.

I Love you.

Wednesday 21 June 2023

Have faith in Me and prepare for the events that are about to take place on this earth. I mean to show this world I am not a dead God. I mean to show mankind that they have been deceived by the lies of lucifer through those in power.

It has begun and you are fast running out of time to prepare. Already, the spark grows and My Spirit will soon be seen and this world will be thrown into confusion by the events that take place. Your scientists will have no explanation to explain and will deny the authenticity of what they do not understand. So many will refuse to change their evil ways.

Prepare, children, prepare.

I Love you.

Thursday 22 June 2023

My children, look at these Words I give to you through these My servants of Love. They are Words of Warning, Words of Guidance and Teaching but, most of all, these are My Words of Love from Me, your God, who Loves His people. I try, in these Words, to guide you away from the danger that mankind has invited into this world in their own free will.

Children, look at the Words I give and see I am telling you to hurry for there is so little time left for you to prepare. I speak these Words so that you can know and understand. Become a servant of Love that will help bring many souls out of the danger that all are

facing.

Trust Me and prepare now. Do not wait for you are fast running out of time. Already, My Spirit is moving and the darkness will break and this world will begin to see the Power of their God, and My people will be given a voice to gather the harvest.

Trust Me, children, and prepare.
I Love you.

Friday 23 June 2023

Believe in My Truth and look for Me in the quiet of your prayer. I am to be found if you have the will to seek. Look past the things of this world. Look past your thoughts and find the Peace, the Gentleness and you will find Me, children.

Trust in Me, your God, and spend time with Me in the Blessed Sacrament for it is truly Me, children. I am the Bread of Life. Trust in the Words I have given you in My Gospels and believe.
Trust Me, children.
I Love you.

Monday 26 June 2023

Truth is what I seek from My followers. If you refuse to look at the Truth within yourself then how will you follow My Truth? Look at what I say: first, you must take on the battle against self before you can take on My Work. Self is the part of you that will guide you on a path that only detracts from My Truth and, so, My Work will become a lie controlled by the self in you. This is why I said that the wheat

grain must first die before it produces fruit, you must do likewise: you must die to the desires of self before you can successfully produce fruit in My Work.

I am the Truth and only Truth will walk the Path I set before you. Trust Me and come walk with Me and I will guide you.

Trust Me.
I Love you.

Monday 26 June 2023

My children, My Love for you is great and I give these Words as a Gift to you, to guide you away from the danger you face in this time.

Trust Me, children, and read these Words. I will guide you if you let Me.

Trust Me.
I Love you.

Tuesday 27 June 2023

Believe, children. I cannot convince you of the danger you are in from the deceivers, the liars of this time. So many have given themselves over to the ways of lucifer.

Children, when I tell you to prepare, it is so that you are ready to help those who are in need of My Help. When I change all, you must be ready so that those who want to change and repent have a chance to reach out and find someone who is willing to help them back to the Path of Truth.

Children, this is why I ask you to prepare now, so that you are not the one reaching out but you

are the one helping to gather the harvest.

Trust Me and fight self.

Trust.

I Love you.

Tuesday 27 June 2023

Go back to the Truth, My children.

Do not accept the changes that are being brought in in this time of lies. My Truth does not change to suit your modern lifestyle of sin. Sin is darkness, untruth, and has no part of Me or My Kingdom.

I do not accept your so-called modern teaching where “anything” is accepted. I created man and I created woman, nothing else. If you want to tell yourselves lies, that you are not a man or you are not a woman then, I tell you, you are walking the path to hell.

If you believe I created males to lust after males and females to lust after females then, I tell you, you are walking the path to hell.

If you believe there is nothing wrong with murdering a child in the womb, through abortion, then you are walking the path to hell.

It was the Truth, that the people could not accept, that put Me on the Cross on Calvary because I would not accept their modern teaching so, they killed Me.

Will you, too, kill Me because I will not accept your modern teaching? My Truth is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow: it never changes. I am the Word of the Father and He has created you, mankind, to be heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. Many kingdoms lie empty in Heaven

because so many have rejected the Truth and have walked the path to hell.

Wake up, mankind! These Words I speak are Words of Truth and they are Words of Warning. You have crossed the line and, now, a Great Chastisement stands before you. It is a chastisement where the greatest part of mankind will die because of their unwillingness to turn away from evil.

No longer will I accept your lies, greed, anger, lust, your sin. You hunger for the vilest things of life, things that are done in secret. You lust after one another’s flesh as if you were animals.

Wake up and see the Truth! You have become a vile generation, steeped in all sorts of abomination. Your sin is great and I shall cleanse you from My Creation, if you refuse to repent.

Be Warned, mankind! I, your God, am Warning you for the last times: turn away from your evil lives, repent and follow Me in Truth and Forgiveness will be yours. Continue on the path you are on and I shall cleanse you from My Creation and you shall walk the path to hell for your unwillingness to follow My Truth.

Only Truth can enter Heaven. If you do not live in the Truth then you will never enter the Kingdom of your Father in Heaven. I have spoken: it is up to you what way you wish to respond.

I Love you.

Writing from the two Patricks

KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND

The meaning of the vision

We went to Knock Shrine in County Mayo, Ireland the other day. I asked Jesus to explain the meaning of the vision that appeared on the gable wall of the church. Jesus showed me that the most important part of the vision is the Lamb on the altar, with the Cross behind, signifying the Sacrifice of Calvary.

The Sacrifice of the Lamb

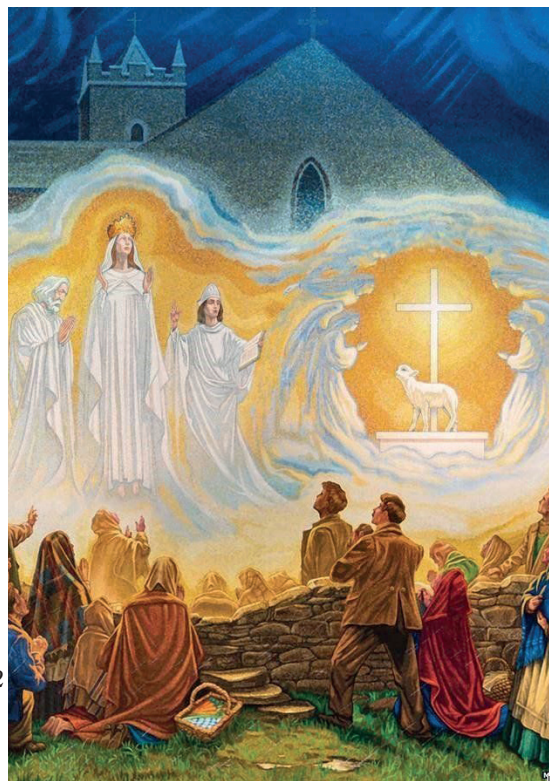
He was Warning the people of Ireland and the world, in the vision, not to reject His great Sacrifice that was given for all mankind. He showed, through Saint Joseph, that we need to pray earnestly for those who are turning away from God. He showed me that His Mother is standing in supplication, pleading for the children of Ireland and the world to turn away from the evil path that they are now following. Saint John was Warning the people of Ireland and the world that the full force of the Book of Revelations would fall on them if they rejected the Sacrifice of the Lamb.

Faith in the Eucharist

The vision was to show us to have faith in the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. He was Warning us not

to reject the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God who Died for all our sins so that we could have Forgiveness and Eternal Life in Heaven.

He showed me that, if we look, all who are present in the vision are in adoration of the Lamb of God and that we should also be in prayer and adoration of the Lamb. He showed me that the vision is saying: turn away from sin, pray and follow the Lamb of God in Truth.



We continue to appeal for your help with the outstanding debts within the House. Thank you to everyone who has responded to this appeal, so far.

APPEAL FROM JESUS

Wednesday 29 March 2023

My children, once again, I call for your help with My Houses. I call each one of you to look into your hearts and see the Truth of My Words. I have told you that My own will recognise My Voice. Can you not see how I prepare for what is to come? Soon, you will see what you have built with your prayer, your sacrifice and your giving. This is why I call you, My remnant, once again, to help with My Houses which are in need.

Trust Me, children of Mine, for, soon, you will understand the meaning of My Words and My Refuges of Light. I prepare, through you, My remnant. My Houses of Prayer have been built by you and through your free will and so cannot be destroyed by demon or man for their foundations are built of the Spirit of Giving. My Spirit has bound My Houses of Prayer and they will stand to the end of time. See what you have built, children of Mine. I Love you.

As you can see from the Words Jesus has given in this Message, the Houses, once again, are in need of help; the bills are building, once again. The bills stand at about £38,088 for the day to day running costs of the fifteen Houses and the ongoing renovations.

We are continuing with the renovations of the Houses, in faith and trust that Jesus will inspire His people to help finance the work we do. Remember, we do not just ask for financial help, we ask for your prayers, your sacrifices, to build what Jesus has asked for.

We thank you for all your help, your prayers, your sacrifices and your financial help for it is you who have built all the Houses through your giving. We thank you, once again, in Jesus' Name.

The two Patricks and the servants of the Houses.

Patrick Rushe Patrick O'Kane

THE HOUSES OF PRAYER

Saint Joseph House of Prayer Coventry

In 1997, Jesus requested a House of Prayer in Coventry. This House of Prayer was established in 2001 through a lady, Agnes Harris, who answered Jesus' call to her.

Sadly, Agnes died in October 2002. Her desire was to leave Jesus her house as a House of Prayer but, for various reasons, this could not be. However, Jesus did ask for this House and, again, we don't know what His Plans are. We are reminded that the House in France which is now Saint Maximilian House of Prayer, was actually given to Jesus over 80 years ago by one woman of faith, so who knows what will happen.

We just leave this with Jesus and wait and see.

The following, written by Agnes Harris in 2001, is a little history of how the House in Coventry came to be:

Released from purgatory

When the Patricks stayed in my home in 1997, Jesus gave them a Message for me asking if I would open my house as a House of Prayer. He requested that it be known as 'Saint Joseph's House of Prayer' for priests and religious. One of the Graces promised was that, on the day this happened,

many priests' and religious' souls would be released from purgatory. From that time I wanted to fulfil this request but, for all sorts of reasons, I wasn't ready. I moved house at the end of July 2000 and thought now is the time, but I just didn't know how to achieve this. Also, because of health reasons, I didn't feel able to comply with Jesus' request. To cut a long story short, I felt totally inadequate on every level. Yet every day I was aware souls were suffering.

Personal relationship

I decided to go to the Sacred Heart House of Prayer in Cookstown for the Day of Love 2001. I have always found the servants of the House to be helpful. On my visits over the years, I have witnessed the wonderful way in which Jesus is leading His servants spiritually:



they depend on Him and if they forget for even a second that it is His House and He is the King of Love, it is as though His dearest friend has abandoned Him and He calls them back. It's so heartfelt. It is what I would call a very personal relationship with Jesus. I know Jesus wants that with each one of us.

Now, I was wondering, how could I do what Jesus asked me and how would I know that Jesus accepted my yes? I have always asked Saint Joseph to help me with my family so I asked him to help me even more now.

I chose to give my yes

On the Day of Love, part of the Message Jesus gave was, "on this Day of My Love I will grant whatever you ask in My Name" so, on that Day I chose to give my yes to the request that Jesus had made in 1997. I knew Jesus had accepted my yes and I believe at that time a great number of priests and religious souls were released from purgatory. I could hardly contain myself. Thank You, Jesus.

Part of the Divine Mercy Consecration to Jesus, "I fear everything from my weakness and expect everything from Your Mercy" has given me courage in the past, now I ask Saint Joseph to help me and plead my case with the King of Love.

Thank you all for your help and the Patricks for their guidance.

Agnes Harris.

The following was written by a servant who attended the opening



of this House of Prayer.

The Official Opening Monday 19 March 2001

I am a servant of the Way of the Sacred Heart and was delighted to be in Saint Joseph's House of Prayer for its opening on 19 March, 2001. I arrived in the evening and immediately felt great peace and joy. The prayers had begun at three o'clock and quite a few people had been there since earlier in the day.

The Prayer Room was beautiful, absolutely beautiful! There had been a lot of hard work done and this was obvious when I looked at the beautiful altar, with the statues, pictures and flowers, adorning it.

The six o'clock prayers followed the same format as the House of Prayer in Cookstown and as there were another two servants, from the Way of The Sacred Heart there, we helped to guide the prayers.

At eight thirty, each Monday, the prayer group meets, this particular Monday being extra special, as it was the first meeting held in Saint Joseph's House of Prayer. Agnes guided the Prayer Meeting and the room was full. It was all very inspiring and touching.

A real sense of celebration

Refreshments and food were provided for all and there was a real sense of celebration. I was sorry to have to leave early next morning and return home. I do thank Jesus and Mary for allowing me the privilege of being able to be there. Agnes Harris has been a friend of the Sacred Heart House of Prayer for a long time and has visited Cookstown on many occasions. Originally Agnes' son came over to work on the Saint John of the Cross building as a joiner and Agnes then came to help make curtains. I met Agnes

some years back during a very traumatic time in my own life and I have never doubted that Jesus brought her into my life. Over the years she has become a very good, personal and spiritual friend of mine. Agnes would not want me to say this but I must, not to raise Agnes up but to raise Jesus up, all praise and honour and glory to You, Lord Jesus. Jesus works through so many people in so many wonderful ways, if we allow Him to. I have no doubt that on 19 March 2001, Heaven celebrated with all in Saint Joseph's House of Prayer.



GOING DEEPER

Holy Week

Before Holy Week, Jesus gave a Message (Friday 31 March 2023) asking us to read Scripture and spend time with Him. He wanted us to think of Him, what He was building up to in His Passion. Jesus gave a similar Message on Holy Thursday Night (Holy Thursday 6 April 2023) calling us close to Him, to think of Him, to come to understand what He wrought for us.

A deeper, richer Path

Jesus is calling us to a deeper, richer, Path with Him. He wants us to become immersed in Him, to become more attached to Him and less attached to ourselves and the

world.

During the Easter Retreat at the House of Prayer, at a particular moment when we had gathered in the Prayer Room, I just thought of how Jesus was pouring Himself out upon us like a fountain from His Body in the Tabernacle. And, I thought to myself, where else would I rather be than here at the Feet of Jesus! What on this earth could compare to Him? Nothing!

Journey through His Passion

The daily Gospel readings from Holy Week led us on a Journey through His Passion and Death where He gave us His All. But, it didn't end at His Death, it continued. Scripture brought us to reflect upon the Resurrection stories, when He had a "breakfast barbeque" for His Disciples on the beach. When He walked with His Disciples on the Road to Emmaus, "...Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" *Luke 24:32*

Then, on Divine Mercy Sunday, we pondered Jesus' pierced Heart, from which flowed Blood and Water, Love and Mercy. The Gospel readings then continued with the discourse of the Eucharist: John 6.

Deep and intimate way

The readings through John's Gospel on the Eucharist were particularly poignant this year because we had Father Evans staying here at the Sacred Heart House of Prayer and had private daily Mass where we received Jesus under both species: we ate

His Body and drank His Precious Blood. It was so beautiful to have Jesus within us in such a deep and intimate way.

In John 6:26, we read how, after Jesus fed the five thousand, everyone searched for Him and went great lengths to find Him and, when they did, He told them it was because they had eaten the Bread of Life and He told them not to labour for perishable things but to labour for that which lasts forever.

So, so good to us

Jesus is so, so good to us. He feeds us like the Pelican. Sometimes we are so caught up in ourselves we can't see it or realise it. Then, all of a sudden, we catch a glimpse of Him; His Love poured out for us in such great abundance that we wonder why we waste so much time labouring in this world when we could simply be with Him.

Explore the many facets

Regardless of the sins of the people who make up the Body of Christ, Holy Mother Church, guided by the wisdom of the Trinity, has provided us with the selected Scripture readings for the Holy Sacrifice of daily Mass. These readings can help us explore the many facets of Jesus and tap into the depth of Love erupting from His Most Sacred Heart. Every day those Scripture readings invite us to plunge into Jesus. Let's not only read them but also meditate upon them, reflect upon them again throughout our day, allowing Jesus to bring us deeper into Him through them.

Interview with Fr Evans

We would like to apologise for making a mistake in the typing up of our interview with Evans. On Evan's journey from Brazil to Kenya, he had to wait 36 hours at São Paulo! That was even before the delay of five days in Paris. We made the mistake last month of writing 6 hours, rather than 36 hours.

-PART 2-

What age was she (Evans' sister) whenever your mother died?

I think she was two years.

Two years old! And you?

Myself, I was thirteen or fifteen, around there. Actually, I was thirteen.

But you weren't living with your mother?

I never lived with her. So, after that, we went back home and I took an initiative as well to organise for a Mass to pray for her (Evans' Mother) at home and we had Mass at home and, in that Mass, the priest, who celebrated it, was my superior and during the celebration he invited everyone to



say something.

And to my surprise, my sister took over, (Evans smiles reminiscing) she literally took over and she spoke a lot trying to say how much she has benefitted and how much she really wished to be with her mother, she said so many things and then, when she was saying that, I also became very emotional and I felt so much pain but, at the same time, I felt deep within me that, much as it was a difficult decision to stop my training to priesthood and do that, I felt fulfilled by that time because when I saw my sister grieve and all that, I think I did a good thing.

After that, after a few months, I applied again to get back to the

house where my priestly training would continue and they told me “no, you cannot come back right now. We want you to take more time to heal.”

That was a shock for me because I was not prepared for that. “Let’s see if you can get back after six months.”

I stayed home for six months. After six months, I applied again and I contacted them, they said “Yea we know it has been six months, but we were thinking that maybe we just make it a year.”

That would mean six more months. I said “ok.” Then I stayed home for six more months. The good thing was that, during that time, they insisted that, even if I am not in the religious house, I continue with the studies. So, while I was staying at home, not training, as such, to become a priest, my theological studies continued and so I finished my studies while I am outside of the training of priesthood.

After I finished my studies, they themselves called me and invited me to go back. When I went back some of the people who were actually behind me in by one class or two classes, I had to watch them getting ordained while I was just there and it was really hard for me to accept that but I had to. I watched them get ordained and then they invited me to go back to the house but I did not know what to do and I went to discuss with them and they said “ah, we are still finalising to see what will happen

with you.”

After two months of waiting for finalisation, I received an email from my superior general in Canada and that email was instructing me to prepare myself to go for mission for two years before they can think of ordaining me or not ordaining me.

That’s Crazy!

Yeah!

Are you the only one that had ever happened to?

Yeah!

But all of this was happening just because of my background and what I had gone through so they wanted to be sure that I have healed and whatever bother that I had before will not recur again. So they asked me to prepare to go for mission for two years. That was 2019, when I received that email, 21 June 2019. I did not expect that decision. I did not expect two years of going to just wait and be when I received that email, there was a strong temptation within me to give up everything and do other things. The temptation was very, very great but something within me told me, before you answer



back, take some time and pray. And so, I remember I was at home at that time and I went to pray. I prayed and, the prayer that I desired to pray, turned out to be a session of crying. Instead of praying, I was crying and asking “but why all this to me?” “Why? Where did I go wrong?” “What did I offend?” “What did I do wrong to God?”

I cried. But, after crying, I went back and, with courage, I answered the email and I told my superior, “I believe that whatever decision you have reached at is for my good and I accept it. It is very hard for me but I believe God will take me through.”

When I answered the superior, he answered me immediately, it was like when I was writing to him, he was on the computer. So he answered me immediately, as if we were chatting. It was an email but it was as if we were chatting, so he answered me immediately and he said, “Evans, I did not expect that you are going to accept this invitation...” (We all laugh)

“...The invitation to go for mission for two years.” He said “I did not expect that you are going to accept! I want to assure you of my prayers. Take note that even for us to reach that decision, it was very difficult. We had to discuss, disagree and argue for two months for us to reach a decision! Ok?” I said, “Ok, Father, I’ll go.”

So I started preparing and the preparation was about getting the visa and all that and then he told



me “give me some few days, I’ll do some consultation and tell you the exact country to where you will be going.”

“Right, ok, Father. “

After two weeks he sent me another email advising me to go to a country called Honduras.

Honduras?

Yes, in Latin America. And so what that meant was to start preparing a visa to go to Honduras. In the whole of Africa there is no country with a Honduran embassy. That meant that I cannot process the visa in Kenya. There was no way and so I wrote to the people in Honduras and asked them what I needed to do and they advised me to prepare all my documents, authenticate them with the Kenyan government and send them on to Honduras and I did that so that the visa can be processed in Honduras. I did that and sent the documents.

So I was waiting for the visa, while in Kenya. That was in 2019. I waited, I waited, I waited, I waited until December. After I had waited for about six months, I decided to write back to Honduras to ask them if they have any news of my visa. And they answered me and told me, “by the way, even

your documents got lost.”

Oh my God!

Of course I got annoyed and I asked them, if they got lost why did you have to wait for me to ask you? Why didn't you inform me what was happening? You are quiet, I thought things were getting on but you are just silent. Then, immediately, I phoned my superior in Canada and we had a discussion about that and he was also very, very annoyed and he told me, “Let me contact them myself.” He contacted them and they said, “oh, you see, the documents got lost, let him resend them again!...” The superior was not happy with them and so he said, “In that case, let's see if we can change our arrangements for Evans. That was in February 2020 now.

2020!

Yeah. And they advised me now,

“you see, we are going to sit at the council and make a decision about you.”

They sat and they made a decision that “since you have an active visa of Canada, go to Canada, you will do the two years in Canada.”

Remember, the two years that I was to start mission work were to begin in June 2019 but I had waited for eight months, waiting, and now it was February 2020 and they are advising me to go to Canada.

I said, Ok. It was towards the end of February, I said ok. Then they said, “Since you are going to stay in Canada for two years, we advise you to travel back home to your village and bid farewell to your people at home because you are going to be away for two years.”

I said, “That's a good idea!” So I travelled, I remember I travelled 13 March, going back home. And to travel from the city to my place, you need like 10 to 12 hours by bus.

When I was midway, MID, at the middle of the travel, there was an announcement on the radio that coronavirus has just arrived in Kenya, the first case!

For me, it did not make any sense, because we just used to hear about ‘corona,’ it was just like any other thing you can hear about, it did not bother me. I was preparing to go to Canada anyway so what has coronavirus have to do with me, nothing! It was just like any other news.

I travelled and arrived home. The following morning, the following



morning after my arrival at home, my superior texted me and said, “Évans, did you arrive safely?”

“Yes, Father.”

“Ok, how is the family?... Oh, I’m sorry, you cannot travel to Canada because Canada has sealed its borders because of coronavirus so we advise you to stay at home until when they give direction on what next.

Oh my gosh, what next!

Yeah, that in itself disorganised me completely.

Yeah!

Because, after eight months of waiting, to go to the mission for two years, now God had opened where I was going, immediately to Canada. I have gone home to bid farewell to my people, tell them now, finally, I am going to Canada, it's no longer Honduras, it's Canada. On arrival, I get a message, 'you are not going to Canada again because of corona, so just stay at home, we shall let you know what to do.'

I thought, maybe – I remained hopeful – I said, it will take two or three days, or let’s say one week, then I go. Instead of one week or a few days of stay at home that I thought, I had to stay home for seven months, confined because of corona.

And during those seven months, life was very difficult because this is a village and we are not prepared for

confinement. Most of our people back at home, they don’t have any savings anywhere, they depend on working to get something to eat every day. Actually, we call them hand to mouth. So we find ourself in a situation where we have to be confined at home. Life became very, very, very, very difficult. While the life was difficult because of corona issue and because of the economy and difficult to get food, it became even more difficult because I, I was affected psychologically. I was strongly affected psychologically.



But I remained in touch with Patrick and I remember a few times I told him you see here, things are not getting on very well and the situation is very tough. If there is any way you can help me, I will appreciate it.

Patrick sent me some money a few times while I was at home during that time. And sometimes with that money, we had also to reach out to some of the neighbours whom we thought were worse than we were, whom we thought were actually dying. In general, things were very tough.

So, after that, after those months of confinement at home, the

corona situation became a little bit better and so I travelled from my home back to Nairobi, to our religious house.

When I arrived there, they asked me just to stay in the house, doing completely nothing. Waking up, you go pray, you eat, you come back, you ate, you wait for the next time to pray and eat and then sleep and then tomorrow the same programme and it became even more difficult for me. It is such a difficult thing to stay somewhere doing nothing.

I stayed there for some time then when my superiors noticed it was becoming too much for me, they asked me to enrol in the language



school to study French. So I enrolled and did French for six months.

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Does your heart still burn...

Trying to teach

I thought the Message Jesus gave on the Feast of the Sacred Heart was really significant. I believe Jesus is trying to Teach us and bring us on a Path to union with Him.

I remember occasions when my heart has burned within me. I will never forget having the honour of being given a turn to hold the reigns of the little tent which sheltered Jesus during a Corpus Christi procession. I was not only super excited, my heart was on Fire with Love as I walked beside

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It was a very special few minutes of my life. Sometimes, I have felt that burning at the mention of His Name. Sometimes, when I am guiding the prayers at the House of Prayer, I am physically close to Jesus in the Tabernacle and I feel a burning in my heart. I'm sure we have all felt occasions when our hearts burned within us. I believe Jesus, in this Message, is Teaching us how to extend those intimate moments with Him throughout our day. His aim is to grow our hearts and fill them with His Love.

Pray as the pagans

When He said "you pray as the pagans do" I know I am guilty of this. When I say my Divine Office, I often do it with a bad attitude, because it has become something I have to do. And I scan through it without thinking what I am saying and with no heart in it. When I pray the Rosary, quite often, I am so busy looking around me that I might as well not even bother saying it.

What is prayer

Part Four of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is all about prayer and, at the beginning, the question is asked "What is prayer?" and the answer given is a quote from Saint Thérèse of Lisieux: **"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."**

This is followed by a quote from Saint John Damascene **"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and**

heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."

In paragraph 2562 it states: **"According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain."**

This section of the Catechism goes on to describe, beautifully, how the heart is the dwelling place of "I Am" and prayer is going to the well, seeking water and Jesus comes to meet us.

Aware of His Presence

When I enter my prayer time with Jesus and become aware of His Presence, I immediately know that He knows everything; all my sins, I might cringe and become embarrassed and go into my head and become noisy and try to leave this situation. But I need to battle through this, knowing Jesus Loves me no matter what and will Teach me how to overcome my sin with His Grace, in this daily prayer time with Him.

I believe if we continue this battle to pray, Jesus will lead us on a Path of Union with Him. We need to work on extending that burning of the heart throughout our day. If we are closely united to Jesus in our hearts, it will not matter to us what others do or if someone is beating the head of us, spitting upon us, insulting us... because we will simply see it as a share in His Passion. I think that is the place we need to be and where He is leading us.

Let's learn to "Burn" with a sincere, developing and growing love of Him.

The Plight of Others

THE PLIGHT OF OUR TEENAGERS

Jesus is asking us, constantly, to die to our sin. He has spoken in many Messages over the years about how sin is accepted and even promoted in every part of our society. In 2001, in a Message where Jesus spoke much about His Anguish, He said: "...A generation has arisen now that has not been taught My Ways and do not walk in My Footsteps. Only fear will bring them to My Side. They are all but lost to Me..." Tuesday 21 August 2001.

Now, we hear that the perversion will go even further. Within the news article that follows, you will read how it is compulsory for our teenagers to be taught in school where they can access abortions etc. How heinous!

Jesus said in 2006, "...Remember, a generation without the Love of their God within their hearts have the potential of becoming anything that lucifer wishes to mould them into..." Wednesday 20 December 2006

So, here we have a situation where God has been removed from our schools because He is not 'politically correct' and now we are teaching our children how to do the most evil act known to mankind: abortion. And all this

without the parents sayso!
lucifer has indeed taken over.
"...Never before has lucifer convinced a generation to murder so many of its own children. Never before has there been such an evil generation, not even in the time of Noah were people so distorted in their thinking, their beliefs, that they murdered so many of their own children..."

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This is certainly a spiritual plight for our teenagers. Taught lies as truth and rights and they have nothing to counteract it.

Below, is the aforementioned article. There is so much morally wrong with the general view point from the UN and the governments, contained within this article, about how our children should be educated, that it is disturbing and really quite frightening.

ABORTION ACCESS LESSONS TO BE COMPULSORY IN POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN NI

By Robbie Meredith, BBC News

It will be compulsory for all post-primary schools in Northern Ireland to teach pupils about access to abortion and prevention of early pregnancy.

It comes after Northern Ireland

Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris laid new regulations in Parliament, covering relationships and sex education (RSE).

In a written statement, he said he had a legal duty to act on recommendations made in a United Nations (UN) report.

Until now individuals schools have decided how to teach sex education.

But the Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, or the CEDAW Report, it said RSE in Northern Ireland should be compulsory and comprehensive.

In practice that will mean pupils have to be taught about issues like how to prevent a pregnancy, the legal right to an abortion in Northern Ireland, and how relevant services may be accessed.

In a statement, Stormont's Department of Education said: "The department will now consider the implications of the new duties placed on it, including assessing any additional resources that will be required."

On Tuesday, Mr Heaton-Harris said: "I have today laid regulations in Parliament to implement the CEDAW recommendation to 'make age-appropriate, comprehensive and scientifically accurate education on sexual and reproductive health and rights, a compulsory component of curriculum for adolescents, covering prevention of early pregnancy and access to abortion in Northern Ireland, and monitor its implementation.'"

"The regulations will mirror the

approach taken in England with regard to education about the prevention of early pregnancy and access to abortion.

"It has always been my preference that, as a devolved matter, the Department of Education in Northern Ireland updates the curriculum.

"However, nearly four years have passed since the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Act 2019, adolescents in Northern Ireland are still not receiving comprehensive and scientifically accurate education on sexual and reproductive health and rights."

Each school in Northern Ireland is currently required by the department to develop its own RSE policy and to teach RSE.

However what is actually taught to pupils about RSE has been a matter for each school to decide, based on their school ethos.

That approach has previously been criticised by some experts, who have said it leads to "different and inconsistent learning experiences" for pupils.

The Executive Formation Act previously led to new laws on abortion being introduced in Northern Ireland.

But according to Mr Heaton-Harris, that act also required him to implement recommendations on RSE contained in the CEDAW report.

The CEDAW report said that young people were "denied the education necessary to enjoy their sexual and reproductive health and rights".

In his written statement on

Tuesday, Mr Heaton-Harris said he was amending previous education acts in Northern Ireland to make aspects of RSE compulsory.

Although the changes to the RSE curriculum will come into effect from 1 July, the Department of Education must issue guidance to schools by 1 January 2024 on what they are required to teach.

Mr Heaton-Harris said that would give six months for "meaningful engagement with teachers, parents and young people" about the changes.

He also said that parents could still withdraw their children "from education on sexual and reproductive health and rights, or elements of that education".

"This follows the approach taken in England and Scotland," he said.

"Consultation with parents on relationship and sexuality education is already common practice in Northern Ireland and we expect the Department of Education to ensure schools afford parents the opportunity to review relevant materials.

"Educating adolescents on issues such as contraception, and access to abortion in Northern Ireland, should be done in a factual way that does not advocate, or oppose, a particular view on the moral and ethical considerations of abortion or contraception."

The changes to RSE have been welcomed by the NSPCC in Northern Ireland.

Natalie Whelehan from the children's charity called the new regulations a "positive step".

"Making excellent quality RSE

teaching available to all secondary school-aged children will ensure they receive information on what constitutes healthy and unhealthy relationships both online and offline and about their right to be safe, heard and protected," she said.

"This positive step also means that young people in Northern Ireland will now have consistent access to similar information available to young people in the rest of the UK."

The moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Dr John Kirkpatrick, said the Northern Ireland Secretary was trying to "impose a particular worldview on the education of children in Northern Ireland".

"In an increasingly pluralistic context, RSE of course should be taught in a sensitive and inclusive manner, where teaching is reinforced and supported by policies and processes that schools have in place around safeguarding, bullying and pastoral care," he said.

"Young people should have the opportunity to explore their own personal morals, values and beliefs including the moral and ethical considerations around sensitive issues like abortion and contraception.

"The secretary of state's actions run contrary to these aspirations," he continued.

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Song of the Carpenter

The following is a serialisation of the 'Song of the Carpenter,' a novel inspired by Jesus and written down by the two Patricks. It is about the entire Life of Jesus and is full of spiritual teachings as well as a simply fantastic read.

If you cannot wait to read it all, then you can order it from the Sacred Heart House of Prayer. It costs £6.99.

The night came down cold and hard on the caravan and the fires were lit to counteract it. The light clothes that were too heavy during the day were now added to with woollen shawls and coats to build a wall against the bitter wind. The animals were tethered and fed for the night, the precious water given sparingly. The night sounds of a group of people settling down for the night broke the silence now and again; laughter enjoined stories that were being told of the day's events and the hours stole away. Many dreamed of Egypt and its delights in the oblivion of sleep. Others going further into Arabia thought about the miles they still had to go. Children dreamed of the different land they were entering and the adventures that were in store.

Mary and Joseph lay together with

the child between them to ward off the cold of the night. They covered themselves in blankets for warmth. The stars above them shone brightly against the freezing of the black sky. They were safe and a web of well-being cocooned them and they relaxed and they fell asleep quickly, listening to the sound of a camel bellowing in the darkness.

A week later and tired of the road, they arrived in Succoth in the Land of Goshen and felt again the coolness of buildings. The town itself was flat and the day that they arrived was market day. In the blistering heat the people of Egypt came out of their houses to trade for their food and anything that had broken since the last market. Animals swelled its centre, which was a square surrounded by two storied buildings with streets running off in every direction, and the noise that they made was easier for Joseph and Mary to understand than the people of the land that they were exiled to. Stray dogs barked at everything that moved. They watched, fascinated, as potters turned lumps of clay into pots with an ease of hand, leaving them to dry in the sun with the

bricks that they had made earlier and were now dried and ready for sale. Cloth merchants called out the attributes of the material that they were selling, their colours vibrant and fresh to the eye that had, for a while, only seen desert. They stopped to look and were accosted by the merchants in the hope that they might buy. The reds, greens, yellows and blues, contrasting in stripes and patterns that caught the eye, even from afar. They tasted the freshness and coolness of watermelons and appeased their thirst. They got their supplies of food and water and left the town to itself. Here they felt that they were to part from the caravan and travel deeper into the Land of Goshen.

Zechariah felt the pain in his chest. It seemed as though a spear had struck him in his breastbone. It was Morning Prayer. He fell quickly to his knees. Shobek, who was standing behind him, went forward to catch the old man.

The morning sun had risen hot and the day was sweltering, even this early; it was nine in the morning. Zechariah clutched his chest for it seemed that there was a great gaping hole in it. He felt Shobek's arms around him and he heard him speak but he could not answer for his breath was coming in great gasps and he felt as though he had been running.

"Are you alright, Zechariah?" Shobek's voice had panic in it and it was conveyed to the other man. Shobek called to the priests who

milled about them, apparently unconcerned. "Help me, help me get this man to the outside to give him air."

A flurry of robes was at his side in seconds, hands grasping the older man. They lifted him easily and walked the length of the Inner Court and out through the great pillared doors with Shobek telling them to go slowly and to be careful. The great portico was dark with lack of light but when they reached the doors light flooded in and blinded them. Zechariah was still holding his chest and gasping. As the priests placed him gently on the ground, Shobek took the old man's head in his arms and cradled it gently; his face pallid and drained.

"Do not try to speak, my father, but rest here where you can breathe. Do not worry about the Shachari; one of the other priests will do it. They were just outside the great doors that led to the Inner Court and Shobek could see the Altar of Sacrifice to his left. It was a stone structure of about eight feet high and about twelve feet long with steps leading up to the top. The smell of burning animal flesh was thick and pungent to their noses as the flames curled and licked around the dead body of the animal on the Altar and the Kohein stood near the altar watching it. This sacrifice of a ram he would be allowed to eat with his family. He would have cut the rams throat earlier, and prepared it for the sacrifice. It was a sin offering. The smell permeated the Inner Court.

To the right was the Laver for the washing ritual, where priests washed their hands and feet before offering the sacrifices. He could see two priests now, washing vigorously in the morning heat, preparing for more sacrifices. The shadow of the porch shaded them from the sun.

“My father,” Shobek said, “What can I do for you?” He could see the old man fading into unconsciousness. “Father?”

The old man’s throat gurgled as he tried to breathe and then it stopped; he gasped fighting for breath. Shobek realised that the man was gone. Shobek saw the line of colour begin at Zechariah’s forehead and slowly creep across his face and down into his neck. Zechariah was dead. His spirit, was now gone from this world and into the bosom of Father Abraham. It happened very quickly.

Shobek’s cry was one of love. The love that he had known

from this man was the love of a father. He looked up to the sky and tears filled his eyes and they rolled unashamedly down his face. Shobek cried out loud until the sobs overtook him and he heaved convulsively. He put his head on the now lifeless Zechariah’s chest and wept like a child. The priests who had carried him out now looked crestfallen and grief was evident on their faces. Some cried in sympathy and more priests gathered. They had all known and respected this High Priest and a vast mine of information on the Law was closed, never to be reopened.

When the sobs subsided and he was able to speak again, Shobek said to the inert Zechariah that he held within his arms, “ I love you, my father.” He kissed the dead man’s forehead. Zechariah was seventy-two years old.

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John Paul II

APOSTOLIC LETTER: NOVO MILLENNIO INEUNTE
*Of his Holiness Pope John Paul II to the bishops, clergy and lay faithful
at the close of the Great Jubilee of the year 2000*

Young people

9. The many Jubilee gatherings have brought together the most diverse groups of people, and the level of participation has been truly impressive — at times sorely trying the commitment of organizers and helpers, both ecclesiastical and civil. In this Letter I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone. But apart from the numbers, what has moved me so often was to note the intensity of prayer, reflection and spirit of communion which these meetings have generally showed.

And how could we fail to recall especially the joyful and inspiring gathering of young people? If there is an image of the Jubilee of the Year 2000 that more than any other will live on in memory, it is surely the streams of young people with whom I was able to engage in a sort of very special dialogue, filled with mutual affection and deep understanding. It was like this from the moment I welcomed them in the Square of Saint John Lateran and Saint Peter's Square. Then I saw them

swarming through the city, happy as young people should be, but also thoughtful, eager to pray, seeking "meaning" and true friendship. Neither for them nor for those who saw them will it be easy to forget that week, during which Rome became "young with the young". It will not be possible to forget the Mass at Tor Vergata.

Yet again, the young have shown themselves to be for Rome and for the Church a special gift of the Spirit of God. Sometimes when we look at the young, with the problems and weaknesses that characterize them in contemporary society, we tend to be pessimistic. The Jubilee of Young People however changed that, telling us that young people, whatever their possible ambiguities, have a profound longing for those genuine values which find their fullness in Christ. Is not Christ the secret of true freedom and profound joy of heart? Is not Christ the supreme friend and the teacher of all genuine friendship? If Christ is presented to young people as he really is, they experience him as an answer that is convincing

and they can accept his message, even when it is demanding and bears the mark of the Cross. For this reason, in response to their enthusiasm, I did not hesitate to ask them to make a radical choice

of faith and life and present them with a stupendous task: to become "morning watchmen" (cf. Is 21:11-12) at the dawn of the new millennium.

Continued next month

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Update on the Work at Saint Michaels

Transformation

Saint Michael's House of Prayer renovations have been continuing over the last six weeks and we are almost at the completion of the Prayer Room waiting for the painter. It has been wonderful to watch the transformation and the navigation that skilled builders take when they come up against problems. I also have to marvel at how Jesus works things out in our personal lives with family when we are also needed at the House of Prayer.

I have a son with Down's Syndrome who usually comes with me to the House of Prayer on a Monday and on the other days I have to be at home before the council transport

bus drops him home from College. I thought it might be a bit tricky to juggle my family life being at home for my children when they get home from school but also trying to be here at the House of Prayer with my sister whilst the building work was going on. I left it all with Jesus and thought I will try to be here as much as I can and it will somehow work out ok.

Everything worked out

As we approached the start date of the work, my husband found out he had to have an operation (thankfully nothing too serious). Although he had been waiting to be given a date for four months, he was given just three days notice due to a cancellation. This fell on the Wednesday before the work started. My first reaction was that it was bad timing but, as it worked out, my husband was at home for a full six weeks. He was there when my children came home from





school and was able to get my son off his bus when he was dropped home, allowing me to stay a little longer at the House of Prayer. I also could leave my son with my husband on the Mondays and he escaped all the dust and noise over those six weeks! Jesus was certainly working to make sure everything worked out.

I could see Jesus working

The work at the House of Prayer hasn't been as straightforward as we first thought and many problems have cropped up over those weeks which we weren't expecting and has delayed the completion of the Prayer Room.

However, I could see Jesus working to make sure these problems were found and rectified as the builders progressed with the work. Some of the joists under the floor boards were rotting near the front bay window and, as more floor boards were lifted up, other problems were discovered, like crumbling brickwork on the dwarf walls under the joists.

Strong and stable

Each problem that came up was met with patience by the builders and solutions were then worked

on to ensure that the foundations under the floor were strong and stable for years to come. The dwarf walls were made good and rendered and joists were added. Even a new brick pillar was constructed under a wall that was found to have no other support. Damp proofing was completed and then the floor boards went back down after the plumber had completed the pipework for the new radiators.

Support to the builders

Since then, some electrical work has been done and all the woodwork, skirting boards, dado rail, and door have been fixed and sanded and new flooring has been laid. As things were slowing down in the Prayer Room, some preparation has begun on the area for the new kitchen also. Although, the House of Prayer is still closed to the public, we have been kept busy here as a support to the builders when needed and we try to keep up with the prayers as best we can. We will continue to update you as work progresses. Please continue to support us in prayers for the ongoing work. God bless.





Letters to the HoP



Corpus Christi

To the servants of the House,
Thank you for your Newsletter
which I enjoy each time I get it
because there is always something
to read.

I do keep ye in my prayers and I
pray for all the Houses. I would
like to share a story with ye.

Corpus Christi was last Sunday
and we had a choir and procession
afterwards out to the gate.

We had Benediction which we
hadn't had in 60 years. A woman

was telling me her mother and
father used to cycle down to it and
that was 60 years ago. I thought
it was very nice. Corpus Christi is
the Body and Blood of Christ. It
was something we hadn't seen in a
long time.

I would like a special intention for
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I will keep the House of Prayer in
my prayers.

Take care,

God Bless,

Kay.



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- Tuesday 26 September

13 Nights

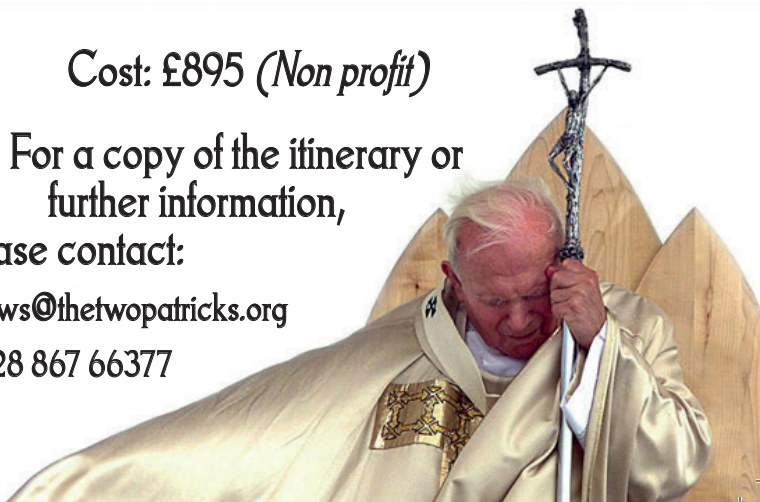
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Shepherd

Lay me down, lay me down, lay me down
On Heaven's ground.

Carry me, on Your Shoulders
In pastures green, I am found

I will, lay you down, lay you down

In pastures green.

Carry you, carry you,
Where you have never been.

You carry me on Your Shoulders,
Was lost and now I'm found.

Your Words speak in my heart,
I hear, Your Heartbeat's sound.

Lost in Your blissful Love
A thousand carry me.

You are Good and Faithful, True
Shepherd, You make me free.

Shepherd, carry me Home
Prodigal returned, all anew;
Fed and robed in Spirit hue.

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