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*Monday 15 May 2023*

# An Invitation to Love Jesus Newsletter Messages of Love May 2023 Issue 324

## Editorial

### **The Messages**

Jesus' Words intensify in us the need to prepare. He is telling us that time is moving on and now we have so little time left for this necessary preparation. Our preparation is vital if we are to be able to get through these times and help our brothers and sisters come to back to God. Jesus, again, tells us that His Truth is out there now, His Spirit of Justice and Truth are moving and He is claiming back His Creation. He explains how the balance of free will has been tipped in favour of the evil one and He cannot allow this as it interferes with His children's free will to choose to follow Him.

And, again, Jesus emphasises that our preparing is in the dying to self: "...Take on My yoke, bring My Forgiveness and Love to this world as you die to self, as you walk in My Footsteps. Seek the Gentleness and Humility of My Heart and you will find Me in the very breath you breathe. Take My Love as your own love, take it with you as part of you: the essential part of you.

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We can also see, in this Message, the Beautiful Heart of Jesus that we celebrate this month, that

Heart that calls us to Love and only Love.

### **Blindness and Pride**

The Patricks have written an article, Blindness and Pride, which explains the balance and the tip of free will.

### **Fr Evans**

We were privileged to have Fr Evans visit us here at the House for a few weeks. He has a great story to tell so, before he went home, we interviewed him and we will run this interview over the next few Newsletters.



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# *The Messages of Love*

as given to the two Patricks

## **Monday 1 May 2023**

I have given you much in these Words. Soon, you shall see and then you will know the Gift I have given. Trust Me and prepare now, children.

Trust in My Words.

Trust.

I Love you.

## **Tuesday 2 May 2023**

Believe, children of Mine. My Words are being fulfilled, as I have said. Simply have patience a little while longer and prepare, while there is time. I have told you, mankind now walks the path of his own destruction and now, I am being forced to intervene in order to stop the destruction of all life.

Mankind, you do not realise what you have released in your free will. You have set the plan of lucifer in motion to destroy all life. You dabble in things you

do not understand. It is lucifer who inspires your scientists, all now walk the path that they have forged and now you must accept the consequences of your own actions which will be responsible for the deaths of the greatest part of mankind.

For the sake of My remnant, I will put a stop to the tide of death mankind has released. Prepare, children of Mine, for already it has begun. Do not stop to think of what others will do, rather, prepare now before you run out of time.

Prepare.

I Love you.

## **Wednesday 3 May 2023**

Already, My Spirit moves and the collapse of the web of lies begins. Soon, you will see and hear for great unrest will be seen in the hallways of power as the truth of their actions begins to be seen by all.

Trust Me, children, and prepare for My Spirit will reveal much to those who have chosen to walk with Me and have walked the Path of dying to self. Sin is what blocks you from the Truth, children. Remove it and the Truth will open before you.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

#### **Thursday 4 May 2023**

Children, I call on you to follow Me in Truth. Do not divert from the Path I have set before you, if you do divert from My Gospel Ways, then you only follow a path of lies that leads to hell.

Only Truth, children, it is only Truth that leads to Heaven. Yes, you will fall many times but My Forgiveness is always there awaiting you.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

#### **Friday 5 May 2023**

Believe in what I do for I do all in order that, as many as want, will survive the trial of free will that all My children must go through on this earth. Believe, children of Mine, it has begun.

My Spirit will reveal all and this world will be reclaimed from the clutches of evil men and women. Trust Me, the spark of Truth has ignited and will spread rapidly across this earth like a wildfire.

Trust Me and prepare.

I Love you.

#### **Saturday 6 May 2023**

My children, the Light of My Spirit shines and My Truth begins to grow. My Light will shine, once again. The dark places will be seen as they truly are by all.

Prepare, children of Mine, it begins.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

#### **Monday 8 May 2023**

Come to Me, children of Mine, and listen to My Voice. I have told you to prepare for, already, it is too late for many. So many in this world have given themselves over to so much evil and refuse to repent of their evil lives.

I say, listen and prepare, now, so that you, too, are not swept away in the tide of evil that now sweeps this earth. Trust Me and listen to My Words, children. All is about to change.

Prepare.

I Love you.

#### **Tuesday 9 May 2023**

I Come, children, I Come to destroy the darkness mankind has released with his sin. For many years mankind has chosen to ignore his God and has entered into the employment of lucifer with his evil ways. Now, I must intervene for mankind has entered onto the path of his own destruction and refuses to see or listen to what he has done.

It has begun and you now have so little time left to prepare. Trust Me, children, and take on My Words before it is too late.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

#### **Wednesday 10 May 2023**

Believe, My children, and do not fear the Truth for it is only the Truth that will set you free.

I am with you, My children, and I am willing to help but you must ask for My Help and believe in Me. Trust Me. I will help if you ask in

Truth.  
Trust Me.  
I Love you.

### **Thursday 11 May 2023**

Come to Me often, children of Mine, and let Me guide you through your time of trial. I have told you that I am with you and, soon, you will see the results of this.

I await the spark, that will ignite the faith of mankind, to build. My Spirit is at Work and it is He who builds and, soon, all will ignite and faith will flourish, once again. Trust Me and prepare, children of Mine.

Trust Me.  
I Love you.

### **Friday 12 May 2023**

Believe, children of Mine, and do not allow fear of what this world will think of you hold you back from following Me.

Trust Me, children of Mine, and walk forward into My Light.

Trust Me and let Me guide you.  
I Love you.

### **Saturday 13 May 2023**

Believe, children. It is time for the Justice of your God to be seen so that mankind has a chance to turn away from his evil ways. Trust Me, children, and prepare; the more you prepare, the more you shall see and understand and you will become a soldier in My Army of Love.

I will use you to help My people return to the Love of their God. Trust Me, children, and prepare

by dying to self. The more you remove sin from your lives, the more you will see the Truth of My Words.

Trust Me and prepare.  
I Love you.

### **Monday 15 May 2023**

Oh, My children, learn of Me: learn of My Love, learn of My Compassion and Humility; learn quickly of My Love. I desire your love in all things. I have not asked for revenge from you, only forgiveness and that, freely.

I await you to find Me in your heart: to find the Present Moment with Me, in you I Am; in you I will rise as Living Water.

Think of those whom you hate and cannot forgive. When you sin against Me, do I hate you? Do I refuse Forgiveness? No, children, I Love and Forgive, when you come to Me and ask.

Be like Me in your following of Me; be the Forgiveness and Love that I Am. Behold, I have told you: 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in Heart and you will find rest for your souls.

30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

*Matthew 11:29-30*

Take on My yoke, bring My Forgiveness and Love to this world as you die to self, as you walk in My Footsteps. Seek the Gentleness and Humility of My Heart and you will find Me in the very breath you breathe. Take My Love as your own love, take it with you as part of you: the essential



part of you.

See Me in the broken, the unforgiven, the lost, as I have told you:

34 "A new Commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

*John 13:34-35*

### **Monday 15 May 2023**

My children, I come to release the chains that My followers have been bound with throughout these past years. This world has silenced My followers, My Words but, no more! I will smash the chains and

My Word shall flow once again.  
It begins, children.  
Trust Me.  
I Love you.

### **Tuesday 16 May 2023**

My Love for you is great, My children, and I call you to gather close as My Spirit begins to break the chains of lies that have bound this earth for many years.

Trust Me and prepare for the Glory of your God will be seen and this earth will, once again, bathe in the Light of My Love. It begins, children.

Prepare.

I Love you.

### **Wednesday 17 May 2023**

My children, My Love for you is great. I gave My Life for you so that you could have Eternal Life with Me in the Kingdom of Our Father in Heaven. Yet, the greatest part of mankind look on Me and My Ways with disdain, as if I was an evil thing. This is because they try to justify their evil lifestyles.

Look in Truth at your lives and do not try to justify your sin. Find the sin and remove it so that you can begin to see the Truth and so go on to help your brothers and sisters. Trust Me, children of Mine, and believe in My Truth.

Believe.

I Love you.

### **Friday 19 May 2023**

Come to Me, children of Mine, and do not hesitate for there is so little time left and so few have taken the time to prepare. I tell

you the Truth, children, this world is about to change in ways that no one would believe possible.

My Truth shall reclaim this earth and the deceivers will no longer be able to hide their evil plans. Trust Me and prepare, children of Mine. Trust Me.

I Love you.

### **Saturday 20 May 2023**

My children, see, the Light begins to shine. The Light of My Spirit has ignited and the spark begins to shine. My Truth will be seen as My Spirit sweeps across this earth. I am the Creator and all creation bows to My Will. I shall undo the web of lies and this earth will be seen as it truly is.

Prepare, children of Mine, for the Power of your God walks this earth and will be seen as it is. I have not left you orphans, you are My children and I Come to fight for My remnant.

Prepare, mankind, the Justice of your God now walks among you. Prepare.

I Love you.

### **Sunday 21 May 2023**

My Love for you is great and I give every chance to My people to return before I am forced to cleanse this earth of the evil that man has released in free will. Soon, children, the Day will come when the Armies of Heaven will descend and all evil shall be cast down into the fiery pit of hell. This Day is close and so many will be lost to the depths because so few are willing to listen and have

chosen to reject Me in favour of sin.

I will put an end to this evil generation for the good of My remnant, those who have chosen to follow My Love. Prepare, children, repent of your sin and come, follow Me.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

### **Monday 22 May 2023**

Believe, My people, believe in My Truth and only My Truth for it was Truth that Died for you. It is only the Truth that will set you free. It is only by dying to self will you find Truth.

Trust in Me and believe, children of Mine. Trust in Me, your God, for I am the Truth and I Love you. Die to self and begin this Journey with Me.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

### **Tuesday 23 May 2023**

Trust Me and believe in the Words I give to you. I am the Truth and I will guide you if you are willing to listen.

Trust Me, My children.

I Love you.

### **Wednesday 24 May 2023**

Come to Me, children of Mine, and see My Truth as it begins to burn the fog of lies from this earth. I will show all the Truth, and none will be able to stop Me.

Prepare, children of Mine, for hard days are ahead as My Truth begins to reveal the web of lies that mankind has given freedom

to in their free will. Many days of anger are ahead but I ask you, My followers, to stay close to Me and forgive.  
Prepare, children of Mine, prepare.  
I Love you.

#### **Thursday 25 May 2023**

Trust, children.  
See the Truth of My Words and Trust.  
I Love you.

#### **Thursday 25 May 2023**

My children, My Love for you is great and this you have seen by My Death for you on Calvary. I have told you; I will free you from the chains that this world has bound My followers with.  
It is so near the time when all will change in ways that this world will not understand. I need you to prepare so that you can help those who are in need. Trust Me and make haste, children of Mine. There is little time left. Trust Me.  
I Love you.

#### **Saturday 27 May 2023**

Children of Mine, I, your God, am with you. I will not desert you. I have told you; the Justice of your God now walks this earth and He cannot be stopped. He is the Truth and all darkness will fall before Him.  
I have told you to prepare and now you will see the consequences of your actions. I will bring the places of power to their knees and My Truth will be the only Power on this earth. I have Warned you

for many years and now you will endure the consequences of your sin: the decision is yours.  
I am among you.  
Prepare.  
I Love you.

#### **Sunday 28 May 2023**

My children, My Words are Truth and they will all be fulfilled. The choice is yours to listen and take on My Warnings or not. The time draws close when the final chance to return will be given and all will be given a time to decide.  
Then, I will cleanse all those who have rejected Me in their free will. I will not allow this evil generation to pollute My Creation any longer. These are the Warnings I give you in order to help you, My children, to decide whether to follow this Path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven or not.  
Trust Me, children, and walk the Righteous Path, the Path of Truth.  
Trust Me.  
I Love you.

#### **Monday 29 May 2023**

Children, how do I convince you of the danger you are in without breaking your free will? I will not force anyone to believe. Yes, the time will come when I will be forced to give all a final chance. I will show all the Truth. I will not force anyone to believe, all will be free to take on My Truth or not.  
Children, I will rebalance the scales of free will and give My people a voice. lucifer has broken the covenant and has forced many

to believe in his lies; this I will rectify and rebalance the scales of free will. Free will, will be renewed and all will have a chance to repent.

That time has begun: My Justice walks this earth. My Justice is My Truth which is My Will, My Spirit, children. I am your God; your Creator and I cannot be stopped by anything or anyone. My Truth will be seen. You are running out of time to be a part of My Army of Love that I will use to heal the wounds of My people.

Trust Me and prepare.

I Love you.

### **Tuesday 30 May 2023**

My children, My Love for you is great and I am doing all in My Power to give all a chance to return. I will give My people a voice for lucifer has broken the gift of free will I have given to all My people of this world.

Free will is freedom to believe or not to believe. lucifer has forced a society where people feel embarrassed and afraid to admit to being a follower of Mine. Even My Church now stands with the world and, so, freedom to believe in Me, is being taken away. The balance of free will weighs heavy on the side of lucifer and so My people are blinded and are afraid to believe or speak of Me.

I will rebalance the scales with the Power that I have been given by those who have taken away the free will of the people of this earth. All that has been taken through lies must be returned for the balance

must remain equal between Me and lucifer so that all are given the freedom to believe or not.

As you can see, lucifer has taken more than agreed over many, many years. This must be returned and I will use it to show this world the Truth. The balance of free will, will rebalance and the scales of free will, will be equal once again. So, all mankind will decide in free will whether they want to spend eternity with Me or not.

Prepare, children, it has begun.

I Love you.

### **Wednesday 31 May 2023**

Come, children of Mine, and take on these Words of Truth for this world is about to change in ways that you would not believe possible. My Spirit is on the move and His Power shall be seen and this world will not be able to explain the events that take place.

Remember, children, this world and its ways are not My Ways: My Ways are the Ways of Truth, Love, Compassion and Forgiveness.

Prepare, children, for the Ways of your God descend upon this earth, once again, and My Creation will be obedient to My Will.

Remember, mankind, all that you have built in your lies, lust and greed, you have used the materials of My Creation and My Creation is obedient to Me, the Creator. Prepare, mankind, your God is about to reclaim His Creation.

Prepare.

I Love you.

*There was a mistake in this Message which we overlooked during the proofreading of it. It has been corrected since we emailed it.*

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 £28,100 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.

*Patricia Rushe*

*Patrick O'Kane*

# Writing from the two Patricks

## BLINDNESS AND PRIDE

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Prepare, children, for the Ways of your God descend upon this earth, once again, and My Creation will be obedient to My Will.

Remember, mankind, all that you have built in your lies, lust and greed, you have used the materials of My Creation and My Creation is obedient to Me, the Creator. Prepare, mankind, your God is about to reclaim His Creation.

Prepare.  
I Love you.

### Blindness and Pride

The Words that Jesus has spoken in this Message are ominous to this world for, when we think about it, everything that man has built, buildings, weapons, cars, phones, aircraft, all technology;

everything has all been built using the materials of Gods Creation.

We, mankind, in our blindness and pride have rejected our God and have forgotten that even we are a part of His Creation for we, too, are built from the dust of this earth.

We, mankind, have listened to the lies of lucifer and we have taken on his lies and have rejected our God to the point where we cannot speak about God without been looked upon as being mad, embarrassing, a crackpot, a religious fanatic and so on. If we are willing to change the Truth and accept sin as part of our God, then we are accepted for we now live in a society where the Commandments are broken every second of every day in free will. We even murder our own children through abortion and contraception and we call it freedom.

We can change our sex and marry a tree, a dog, car, railway station and call it natural. Man lusts after man and woman lusts after woman; all these are acceptable, looked upon as normal but, if we mention Jesus, we are looked upon as a crackpot.

When we look at this earth, the

rich are getting richer and the poor are like sheep being told what they can do and what they can believe in. The rich and the powerful are on the side of lucifer but they would see these Words as madness for, in their sight, there is no such thing as lucifer or Jesus.

As we can see in the Words of these Messages, the rich and the powerful within and without the Church have now pushed God to the point where He must intervene. As He has said, all must be in our free will but lucifer has taken our free will away, through lies and deceit, through those who have been willing to listen to his ideas, his inspirations.

The governments of this world - and as Jesus would say, the rich and the powerful, even those rich

and powerful, within the church - have turned against Him and accepted lucifer's lies and broke the covenant of free will.

The scales of free will hang heavy on lucifer's side but, what no one has realised, all that has been stolen by lucifer and acted upon by those who are willing to listen to his inspirations in their greed and lust for power, must be returned and, so, in their blindness, they have given Jesus the Power to rectify their wrongdoing without breaking mankind's free will.

It is time for all of us to repent, die to self and prepare as Jesus is asking of us for what is coming. It is only those who have prepared that will fully understand and be able to help in gathering the harvest.

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**Sincere thanks for your continued support.**

# THE HOUSES OF PRAYER

## **Saint Margaret Mary House Spain**

### **History**

In January 1996, we were invited to Spain for the first time by a lady called Brenda Allen. Apart from one private meeting in Gibraltar, the meetings were for English/Irish residents. Jesus made it known through the Messages that He wanted to build a bridge of love between the foreign residents and the Spanish people and He wished to do it through An Invitation To Love Jesus. In July 1996, Brenda was introduced to Romano Petri and his wife, Clara. Romano, a retired translator, was the answer to the biggest problem - the language barrier.

### **Dedicated to Saint Margaret Mary**

In September 1997, Brenda received a Message, through the two Patricks, from Jesus, requesting a House of Prayer dedicated to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. In October 1997, Un Invitacion A Amar A Jesus was registered in Malaga and Madrid as a charity and registered group. In December 1998, permission was found for the Casa De Oracion De Santa Margarita Maria which opened officially on 6 February

1999 with much help and financial support from two other people.

### **Circumstances**

Many things have changed from this time. The physical House had to be given up and no longer exists as a physical house but we must always remember that a House of Prayer is not necessarily a building but it can be in our hearts as well. Also, Romano sadly passed away, however, we have a lady called Maria who continues to translate the Messages into Spanish for us. Clara and Brenda still greatly support the House of Prayer and the Messages of Love but, due to old age and ill health, are not able to run a physical House now.

### **Still Stands**

However we believe that Jesus' request still stands and one day there will be a physical House again. We keep this in our prayers.

### **Spanish publications**

We still have a three monthly bulletin published in Spanish. Also available in Spanish; An Abyss of Love and Pain; Book One, Two, Three and Four of the Messages of Love, Called in the Night Book One and Song of the Carpenter Books One and Two.



# The Sacred Heart

## June

We have come to that time of year again that is so precious to all of us here at the Sacred Heart House of Prayer. It is June, the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The very thought of the Heart of Jesus should spark the love in our hearts, both for Him and for all our brothers and sisters.

In 2006, Jesus gave a Message expressing what He desired from us in this Month:

### Thursday 1 June 2006

I Love you, My servant. I give you My Heart this day at the beginning of the Month of My Heart. This should be a Month of love and dedication to My Heart. Say My Consecration Prayer within My House and over the world each day of this month. Say it at each prayer time within My House. The same Promises that I gave to My daughter, Margaret Mary, I give to the world again as it prepares for what is to come.

Love, My Love, is the answer to the problems of this world but love has grown cold in this world. I say, again, to those who love Me; you must take My Love and give it to all you meet, not expecting anything in return. This is Love. It expects no rewards, it expects no thanks. Love then, My

children, My Little Army of Love, in this month dedicated to Me. I, the Lord, ask this of you as your gift to Me in this Month of Love. I Love you.

### The revolution of love

Jesus has spoken, many times, throughout these Messages of Love about the 'Revolution of Love'. Revolution is a big word. When we hear of revolutions in the world, we think of violence, chaos, of down-trodden people rising up to fight for something they want or need or have been deprived of.

But Jesus, what does He mean: what is His revolution? The Revolution of Love starts as a trickle; it starts in the hearts of you and I. The Revolution of Love is when I choose not to utter an angry or resentful or gossipy word about someone but, rather, I choose to love them. I choose to ask Jesus to Bless them. It really is that simple!

### Consider these two Messages

"When you say to your brother or sister, "God Bless you," I take these words as Truth and I place a Blessing, a Grace, upon that person to guide them away from harm. So, understand that you may be responsible for saving countless souls by your little prayer of love;

"God Bless you" for it has guided them away from the danger of sin..." Saturday 5 December 2015

### **Forgive**

"Trust in Me and forgive those who wrong you.

Believe in My Ways: the Ways of Love.

So many of you, My children, have allowed anger and unforgiveness to cloud your thoughts and so love has grown cold. Look around you, you now live in a godless society where love of neighbour has died. Become little lights where My Light may shine into the darkness.

Do little acts of love: a smile or a kind word in My Name is enough to bring someone out of the darkness.

Ignite the Love of your God in those that you meet by acts of love and kindness.

Trust in Me! I Love you.

Friday 22 November 2019

### **How very simple**

Let us all make an effort, this Month particularly, to please Jesus in this way. To Love all we meet so that people begin to see Jesus Alive in us!

## **The Little Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give and consecrate to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, my person and my life, my actions, my penances and sufferings, not wishing to make use of any part of my being for the future except in honouring, loving and glorifying that Sacred Heart.

It is my irrevocable will to be entirely His and to do everything for His love and I renounce with my whole heart whatever might displease Him.

I take Thee, then, O, most Sacred Heart, as the sole object of my love, as the protector of my life, as the pledge of my salvation, as the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, as the repairer of all the defects of my life and as my secure refuge at the hour of my death.

Be then, O, Heart of Goodness, my justification before God the Father and remove far from me the thunderbolts of His just wrath. O, Heart of love, I place my whole confidence in Thee. While I fear all things from my malice and frailty, I hope all things from Thy goodness.

Consume then in me whatever can displease or be opposed to Thee and may Thy pure love be so deeply impressed on my heart that it may be impossible that I should ever be separated from Thee, or forget Thee.

I implore Thee, by Thy goodness, that my name may be written in Thee, for in Thee I wish to place all my happiness and all my glory, living and dying in very bondage to Thee. Amen.

(Prayer of Saint Margaret Mary)



# Ten Important Aspects of Saintliness

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## All of us are called

All of us are called to become saints. How do we know? Jesus commanded us: “Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy.” (Mt. 5:48) In other words: Become a saint! Most saints have not been officially canonized but are anonymous, unknown except by God alone.

Given that this is a serious command given by Jesus Himself, to be holy, to become a saint, let us briefly highlight ten of the most salient notes or characteristics of the saints. This will serve to motivate each and every one of us to become whom God has called us to be—a saint!

### 1. Antithesis of Saintliness: Sin

Let us start with the negative. Saints truly detest the one major evil in the world—the reality of sin. Modern culture glamorizes and even promotes sin; the saints fight against it! The motto of Saint Dominic Savio for his First Holy Communion was the following immortal assertion: Death Rather Than Sin!

### 2. Prayer

It is absolutely impossible to come across or read the life of any saint who did not take his prayer life seriously and spend sizable blocks of time dedicated to prayer, which

is union and friendship with God. Face it, we can all improve in our prayer lives; we can pray more and we can always pray better. May the Holy Spirit enlighten and inspire us to upgrade our prayer life in our pursuit of holiness.

### 3. Humility

Saints are truly humble. By humility we mean the following: saints attribute all the good they have done to God who is the origin, author and end of all good. When complimented on any good done, almost spontaneously the saint responds: Thanks be to God!

### 4. Hunger for Holiness

Authentic saints have a real hunger and thirst for exactly that—holiness, to become a saint. If you like, the saint lives out the first verse of Psalm 42: “As the deer yearns for running waters, so my soul yearns for you, O Lord my God.” A saint admits that he is not a saint but really longs to be a saint one day. This longing, this yearning indeed is half the battle of attaining the crown of holiness, the triumph of winning the crown of saintliness.

Many yearn for money, power, pleasure, success and possessions. Not so for the saint: he yearns to love God fully and totally and unreservedly; he longs to be the

saint that God has called him to be!

### **5. Charity**

The saint is motivated to assimilate and to carry out in word and deed the greatest of all the Commandments—the command to love both God and neighbour. If you want to see a graphic image of charity, lift up your eyes to Jesus crucified, Jesus hanging from the cross—there you have a clear image of charity. We are called to love God totally and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

On one occasion, after Thomas Aquinas had achieved enormous accomplishments, Jesus appeared to him and asked the saint what gift he desired most. Immediately Aquinas responded: “Lord, grant me the grace to love you more and more each day.”

Saint John of the Cross asserted: “In the twilight of our existence we will be judged on love.” Saint Francis de Sales adds to this in these words: “The measure with which we should love God is to love Him without measure.”

### **6. Zeal for the Salvation of Souls**

Two saints met, one a youngster, the other a priest. The youngster looked up and saw on the wall a few words written in Latin and he asked the priest what the words were and what they meant. The priest responded by saying that those words were his motto and they were: “Give me souls and take all the rest away.” The priest was Saint John Bosco; the youngster was Saint Dominic Savio.

An authentic saint loves God and loves what God loves—the salvation of immortal souls. One soul is worth more than all of creation in the natural world! The reason for the excruciating pain that Jesus suffered in His Passion and the outpouring of His most Precious Blood on the cross was precisely this: to save immortal souls for all eternity. The stigmata for fifty years of Saint Padre Pio; the 13-18 hours daily in the Confessional in the life of the Cure of Ars, aka Saint John Vianney; the heroic sacrifices of the little children of Fatima; the victimhood of Saint Faustina, had one motivational reason and force: love of God and hunger and thirst for the salvation of souls.

### **7. Struggling Sinners Who Rise When They Fall**

Many have been deceived into an artificial, sugar-sweet, somewhat romantic vision of the saint as exempt from human weaknesses and moral failures. Nothing could be further from the truth! Saints are born sinners. However, a common characteristic of the saint is that upon falling, sinner though he is, he resiliently bounces back; he returns to the Lord through Confession, good will, and a firm purpose of amendment. Venerable Bruno Lanteri taught *Nunc Coepi*—meaning if we fall, then we must rise immediately and trust all the more in the grace and mercy of the loving Heart of Jesus! No surprise that in the Diary of Saint Faustina, Jesus reminds us that the greatest sinner can be

the greatest saint if he trusts fully in the mercy of Jesus.

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen reminds us that the first canonized saint was a murderer, an insurrectionist, and a thief who hung on a cross next to Jesus on Calvary. “Jesus said: ‘Truly I tell you, this day you will be with me in Paradise.’” (Lk. 23:43) As Sheen points out: “And he died a thief because he stole heaven.” Read and meditate on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, that can also be termed the Parable of the Merciful Father. (Lk. 15:11-32)

### **8. Fervent Love for the Source of All Holiness: the Holy Eucharist**

The ultimate source of grace, purity, strength and holiness is Jesus Himself. The most efficacious means by which we unite ourselves with Jesus in His Mystical Body is through the Sacraments. The greatest of all the Sacraments is the Most Holy Eucharist for the simple but profound reason that the Eucharist actually is Jesus—His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity! Jesus is the Holy of Holies; He is God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

Though it may sound trivial, there is a real truism behind this one liner: “You become what you eat!” Bad eating habits can produce health problems; good eating habits can contribute to health and longevity.

In a parallel but real sense, when we nourish our souls with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus with faith, devotion, fervor and love, then we start to think

like Jesus, feel like Jesus, act like Jesus, become like Jesus, until we can say with Saint Paul: “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” (Gal. 2:20)

### **9. Open and Docile to the Holy Spirit**

Father Jacques Philippe wrote a short masterpiece on this topic with the title “In the School of the Holy Spirit.” In this short but inspiring book, Father Jacques constantly reminds his readers that holiness essentially depends on one basic attitude, action, and plan of life: being docile to the Holy Spirit and His heavenly inspirations. The Holy Spirit speaks gently but insistently to humble and docile souls, guiding them in the proper course of action that leads to holiness of life, that leads them to become the saints that we are all called and destined to become.

Saint Paul reminds us: “We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with ineffable groans so that we can call out Abba, Father.” (Rom. 8:26) It is precisely for this reason that Pope Saint John XXIII stated: “The saints are the masterpieces of the Holy Spirit.”

### **10. Mary and the Saints**

Our Lady, Mary most holy, is the Queen of Angels, the Queen of Virgins, the Queen of Confessors, the Queen of Martyrs, the Queen and beauty of Carmel, the Queen of the most Holy Rosary, and finally, Mary is the Queen of all of the Angels and Saints. After he died, Saint Dominic Savio appeared

bathed in heavenly glory to Saint John Bosco and told the holy priest what gave him the greatest joy in his short life on earth. It was precisely this: his great love and confidence in the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saint Dominic ended this encounter with Saint John Bosco exhorting him to spread devotion to Mary to the greatest extent possible.

Mary inspires the saints to pray fervently. Mary inspires the saints to return to God after they sin. Mary encourages the saints to love Jesus with their whole being. Mary's presence helps the saints to avoid moral dangers. Mary's maternal and loving presence helps the saints to move from desolation to consolation. For that

reason, the saints cry out to Mary in these words: "Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope."

### **Conclusion**

Our final prayer and hope is that all of our readers will become saints and great saints. Our hope and prayer is that all of you will one day be a very precious, resplendent and glorious jewel in the crown of Mary so as to contemplate and praise the Blessed Trinity for all eternity.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us so that we can attain the grace to truly become the saint that God has destined us to become for all eternity. Amen!

*<https://catholicexchange.com/ten-important-aspects-of-saintliness/>*

## **OUR ON-LINE INFORMATION**

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You can also donate, order books, prayers, DVDs and CDs on this page.

### **FACEBOOK**

The Messages of Love are uploaded onto our Facebook page 'Messages of Love as given

to the two Patricks.' Some Newsletter articles are uploaded on to this page: 'Newsletter An Invitation To Love Jesus'. On 'Prayers From The Sacred Heart House of Prayer', you can join our community prayers when they are livestreamed daily at 12noon, 3pm, 6pm, 8.30pm and the Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting at 8.30pm.

### **YOUTUBE**

We have also created a new Youtube channel which livestreams our prayers "Prayers From the Sacred Heart House of Prayer."

# Interview with Fr Evans

## **An amazing few weeks**

We have had an amazing few weeks here at the House of Prayer. Fr. Evans, our friend from Africa, has recently been ordained and he came to spend a few weeks with us here.

## **Just a quick recap**

For those of you who may not be aware, we first came to know about Evans in 2008, fifteen years ago, when he and Patrick became friends through Facebook. At that time, Evans had been studying for the priesthood.

Over the next few years, they talked and got to know one another. Then Patrick, along with Aine and some friends of the House visited Evans in Kenya. Since then, the House has supported Evans in various ways, during his formation.

In 2016, Evans was finally able to obtain a visa to come and visit us here at the House of Prayer. He met many of the servants and we formed strong friendships. At that time, we interviewed him and published this in our 2016 Newsletters. In that interview, Evans talked about his life, his ongoing journey to becoming a priest, how he came to know Patrick and the Messages of Love. Finally, to our great joy, Evans was ordained on the Feast of Our Lady



of Lourdes, 11 February 2023. He came back to visit us here in the House at the end of April.

## **How fantastic**

Words cannot describe how fantastic it has been to have Fr Evans with us. We were able to have private Mass most evenings at the House of Prayer. What a Grace! Evans was even able to visit Saint Michael's House of Prayer in London during his visit here and they, too, had the privilege of Mass.

## **Interviewed him again**

Before Evans left the House of Prayer to go home, we interviewed him again to see how things had been with him since 2016. We will run this interview over the next few months of our Newsletters.

We will learn of the many hardships and struggles Evans has encountered and how, with Gods Grace, Jesus brought him through. May this encourage us all to develop a great trust in Jesus and may we, too, all learn to change our bitterness to gratitude.

## THE INTERVIEW

~PART 1~

**So Fr Evans, you have finally been ordained! Congratulations! We last interviewed you in 2016.**

**Can you tell us some of the key events in your life from then until your ordination?**

First of all I would like to start by pointing out that all my journey has been a chain of Graces from God. In 2016 when I was here, I remember telling you that it had taken me seven years of trying to get visa to get here and I want to just point out that, since then, it has been seven years again, yeah, it has been seven years again, and when I was here last time, I thought, I was nearing ordination by that time, I thought my ordination was very close because I had done much of my studies and there was remaining just a small bit.

And when I was here in 2016, I was on my way to go to Brazil and I arrived in Brazil, I did my experience for six months and after that I needed to travel back to Kenya.

One of the major events was, that

time when I was on my way back to Kenya. I arrived in the airport in Brazil, to check in on my way back home to Kenya and I was told that I could not check in because I was a Kenyan. And I asked, what does being a Kenyan have to do with checking in? They told me, well you see, the flight we are going to travel with is going to land in the UK and you cannot land in the UK as a Kenyan without a visa. I tried to explain that I am not going to get out of the plane or even out of the airport but they said, Oh no, just landing in the UK, you needed a visa. And, you see, that in itself reminded me then how lucky I was to get a visa in the first place to visit here and now, just to land, they are asking me for a visa.

And so, I had to stay in the airport for six hours that time, waiting for the next possibility to travel back home. The only possibility was to buy another ticket and so I waited for that six hours to board the plane again. After the six hours, I



travelled from Sao Paulo in Brazil and landed in France, Paris.

When I landed in France, the first thing we saw was on the screen, 'delay' our next flight was delayed and we thought, personally I thought it was just a normal delay, it did not bother me so much.

Little did I know that I was going to spend in Paris, five days. I had travelled from Brazil to Paris with only ten dollars, ten US dollars, and I had to survive on ten dollars for five days. It is difficult to believe that it happened but it happened. It happened that I survived on ten dollars for five days. And for me, when I look back, I see that as a miracle because I wonder how it even happened that I could survive for five days with ten dollars but I remember very well those five days, I was just taking water from the airport and there was no eating. And, the good thing was that we were many, there were about 150 and, among us, some of the people were picked from us and they were given other flights to fly to Africa but those of us who, unfortunately maybe black, we had to remain and wait for five days. The temperature by that time in Paris was negative 4, it was wintertime, it was December. In my life, I had never experienced winter. It was actually my first time to see snow but I could only see it through the window panes, through the glass outside.

**Were you in a hotel?**

No.



**This was in the airport?**

Yes, this was in the airport.

**Sorry**

And so, we were left to survive and, after that, after five days in Paris, I re-routed my flight. Instead of flying direct from Paris to Kenya, Nairobi, I had to re-route then to fly from Paris to Dubai, then from Dubai to Kenya. When I arrived in Dubai, on the screen again, I saw "delay" and now from the experience I had had with "delay," I felt very threatened at that time. As I waited and waited and I was not alone, remember, we waited, we waited, we waited and then, in Dubai, we had to wait for 28 hours to catch up with our next flight. And so, by that time we boarded from Dubai, to go to Nairobi I was very, very, very weak and tired but I arrived safe at home and it took me more than a week just trying

to recover but I was happy to be back at home anyway. For me, I cannot tell you my story without revisiting that, revisiting my journey from Brazil to Kenya because, in it, when I reflect back, I see a God of Miracles who was working in my life because it can be difficult, still today, even to convince myself that I survived for five days without food and an amount of water. It's difficult to convince myself and I wonder how difficult it can be then to convince somebody else but it's true. It is a fact, it happened.



After that, I arrived at our house in Kenya and my superiors advised me that they needed me to follow some programme for some months before I go back to continue my studies. So, I was enrolled in a programme that was just within our house and that programme they called it "Missionary Formation" and that was a programme to prepare people to be good missionaries outside. And so, in that programme, we had

many other people from elsewhere. I had five people from Asia, from Philippines; two people from Latin America; one more from Africa, from Cameroon and myself. And so, we followed the programme for nine months and, after nine months, I was able to go back to class, to go back to school.

When I went back to school I continued with my theology, hoping to finish immediately after two years and, by the end of two years, I thought I would have been ordained a deacon, at least, because it was, normally for us, to be ordained during the last year of studies but, in my case, I think it was not to be like that.

So, immediately, as I went back to class, and I studied for a few months then the congregation, my superiors, invited me to go to Canada to participate in the general meeting of our congregation and, in that meeting, many people were invited, many missionaries from all over were invited and, while I was there, I had a – I don't know whether I should call it an attack - but I had a strong feeling within me. I had deep reflections about my past, my relationship with my parents and my sister.

My sister had always been asking me how our mother looked like, whether she loved us, what she liked in her life, if I have any photo of her. She had been asking me many questions, of which I never had an answer to any of her questions, so all these things



bothered me but I was hiding them within myself. So, when I arrived in Canada, I think all this came out and they overwhelmed me and so I made a decision to approach my superiors to talk about it. And so, I approached my superiors spontaneously and I said, you see, I would like to bring something and air it, something that is bothering me, then I shared. Then one of my superiors who had known all my story spontaneously answered and told me "Evans, I knew at one point you may have to do that."

Then I asked him, "to do what?" Then he told me, "the story about your mother and your relationship and your family, I knew that it will keep bothering you and one time you will need to pause and deal with it." And I said, "ok, if you knew, then that is what I am here for."

He advised me the best thing to do is to forget about your formation training to priesthood, assume it was not there, pause for a moment, retreat and go and bring to an end all that is bothering you. And then, in our discussion later, we made a decision that, when I get back home to Kenya, I leave our religious house and I go and stay

with my family for some time to bring this to an end.

So, as soon as I arrived in Kenya, I did that and it was just something very simple, in my thought, it was going to be something very simple but, as soon as I arrived home and I tried to deal with that, I realised that it was such a big thing that I had always been postponing. Actually, it was like I was confronted with something that I did not expect.

So I made efforts. I organised and we went together with my sister to visit the grave of our late mother, after 22 years since she was buried. Nobody had ever visited her grave. It was very difficult to even trace where the grave was, we had to involve the local authority to ask, involve the Church, it was very complicated, just to know, to trace exactly where the grave was. By the Grace of God, we finally got to where the grave is and we organised and we went together with two priests, one of them is my friend and the other one is my formator, one of my superiors. We went to the grave with my uncles and aunts and we made prayers and we spent some time there.

Little did I know that, by doing that, I was bringing some healing to my sister, because when we were at the grave she cried, she cried and she cried and then she come and hugged me and told me "thank you so much..." Because, for her, she had never known what our mother looked like, she had never interacted with her, she had almost zero information about our mother.



# 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.

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Nothing was growing on the road of hard pressed sand that they walked on for they had long left the areas of lush growth and arable land and were now in a harsh terrain. The road had been beaten solid by the many traders who needed to travel into Egypt and Arabia bringing trade goods and slaves, bartered for cheaply in one land and brought here to be sold at a greater price; camels and donkeys and elephants that carried the wares of merchants had all walked it since the days when Jacob and his people had travelled on it to escape the famine in the Land of Canaan. They had seen verdant fields that were producing crops of gold and green and dotted with oranges and pomegranates, disappear into sand and dusty dead rock. Millet seemed to have

colonized most of the fields to be either made into bread or eaten raw, its multi seed heads making it popular among the poor. The wall of heat shimmered just above the sand and burned the inhabitants of the caravan of about seventy people that travelled south in this formidable wilderness. The sun was the undisputed ruler of this redoubtable landscape.

Like a drunken snake, the caravan slithered its way along the road, its body coloured by the clothes of those who were paying to be led to Egypt. A weariness had settled over the travellers and all longed for it to be evening. The animals consisted of camels and donkeys and a few horses. All carried the trades, roped and strapped to their backs. The exuding smell of human and animal sweat far outweighed the perfumes that were deliberately dabbed and shaken to counteract it.

Darb El Shur had been the wilderness that Moses had taken his people in the days of their freedom from captivity. With the Egyptians who had followed them into the Red Sea, safely drowned and dead, the wilderness became a safe place for them; they were safe from their enemies. Mary wiped the sweat from her brow

and gasped in the airless day that seemed to penetrate even into her body. The heat of the sun had no mercy and in this wilderness; the sand and rocks cowered against it. Although it was harsh, Mary felt the safety of it. This road took them further away from the enemies that wanted to kill the child. In the dead of night they had travelled and had hidden as best as they could during the day. Now in this wilderness they could mingle with the other anonymous travellers that were making their slow way into Egypt. It was approaching noon and Mary knew from the three days previous, that they would stop just before noon and set up temporary booths and tents to guard against the hottest part of the day when the sun reached its zenith. She was glad. Although she carried a damp piece of cloth to wet the child's face and lips, it kept drying and had to be constantly replenished from the goatskin water bag. She needed to rest and to be cool and feed her baby.

Joseph was leading the donkey, which was burdened with their supplies, bought at the various stops along the way. The sweat poured from his face and she could see it glistening in his hair and beard. He looked tired and he smiled at her and wiped the sweat from his brow. She loved this man who was her husband now and she thought about all that had happened to them in the last weeks. Joseph had been a tower of strength to her and

she had leaned heavily upon him. Sometimes she could see the look of puzzlement on his face but he had never contradicted any of it. He believed in it. He knew that God was leading them, even if he did not understand it.

Mary looked around her. In the far distance she could see the mountains and hills of some other land and wondered about the people of Israel. They had spent forty years as nomads in this land. The Lord God had fed and watered them; he had given the Commandments to Moses on Sinai and showed them the way he wished them to follow him. From there they had travelled onwards and into the Promised Land. They took the land from the Canaanites and parcelled it off to the twelve tribes. There they were today still. A woman close by her, screamed and she was abruptly brought out of her reverie. The caravan came to a halt fearing it was an attack of bandits. The woman had her hand over her mouth and was pointing to a spot several yards in front of her. A cobra had crossed paths with the caravan, its black scaly body erect, its hood displayed, it hissed at the woman who screamed, its forked tongue smelling the air. A child picked up a rock and threw it at the snake, catching it on the head. The snake became enraged and turned its body in the direction of the attack, lashing out at the boy who was at a safe distance. Then a rain of rocks pelted the serpent and although it fought bravely for a short while,

it soon retreated, still hailed by the missiles. It slunk off into the desert on the side of the road, enraged and licking its wounds. Children laughed and began to boast about how many times they had hit the snake; women went to comfort the woman who had first

seen it. Mary breathed a sigh of relief.

It was decided then that the caravan would halt and rest until the afternoon until the sun had cooled slightly. The whole caravan sighed a sigh of relief.

*Continued next month*

# The Plight of Others

## THE WORLD IS RUNNING OUT OF BABIES

*This article has been published by lifenews.com on 23 May 2023. There is much hype and propaganda about too many people in this world but once society attacks the family, it will encounter greater problems.*

### **THE WORLD IS RUNNING OUT OF BABIES, ONLY 3% OF PEOPLE LIVE IN NATIONS WITH RISING BIRTH RATES**

In his 1929 book *The Thing*, G.K. Chesterton warns social reformers to be cautious about changing institutions, laws, or customs:

[L]et us say, for the sake of simplicity, a fence or a gate [is] erected across a road. The more modern type of reformer goes gaily up to it and says, "I don't see the use of this; let us clear it away." To which the more intelligent type of reformer will do well to answer: "If you don't see the use of it, I certainly won't let you

clear it away."

### **Importance of structures**

Chesterton was illustrating the often-subtle importance of structures and ideas that moderns are so eager to deconstruct. Before setting longstanding traditions aside, we should first understand these things and understand why previous generations were committed to them. Otherwise, even well-meaning reforms can incur serious consequences, not all of which are immediately obvious, and which fall on future generations.

### **Slow-acting poison**

Chesterton's analogy came to mind while reading an essay by Louise Perry at *The Spectator*, entitled, "Modernity is making you sterile." Perry, a maverick feminist and author of *The Case Against the Sexual Revolution*, argues that the so-called "progress narrative" cherished among the

elites of the developed world, along with the technologies that have enabled it, is keeping us from having babies. Like a slow-acting poison, modernity and its values have eaten away at the fabric of society, though imperceptibly so to those focused only on the present. This, she writes, is the real reason that most of the developed world is currently running out of people:

### **Sterility meme**

What we are now discovering is that, at the population level, modernity selects systematically against itself. The key features of modernity—urbanism, affluence, secularism, the blurring of gender distinctions, and more time spent with strangers than with kin – all of these factors in combination shred fertility. Which means that progressivism, the political ideology that urges on the acceleration of modernisation, can best be understood as a sterility meme.

### **A shrinking population**

In other words, if a society places a low value on children, pretty soon there will not be enough of them. As a friend of mine likes to say, “That’s not magic, it’s just math.”

Only 3% of the world’s population currently lives in a country whose birth rate isn’t declining. According to a 2020 BBC report, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Thailand, and South Korea will lose half their populations by the end of this century. Within 75 years, virtually every country on earth will have a shrinking population.

Those in the West will be among the first and fastest declining.

### **Slow-motion crisis**

Why is almost no one talking about this slow-motion crisis? According to Perry, we are blinded by the “urbanism, affluence, secularism, [and] the blurring of gender distinctions” that is collectively embraced by moderns. Committed to maximizing individual freedom and immediate happiness, the West has learned to ignore the subtle usefulness of family, fertility, and gender roles. It assumes that people who once practiced these things “were all bad and stupid.” The results of our beliefs and actions (or inaction) include a seemingly unstoppable drop in birth rates and, in Perry’s words, the eventual “end of our way of life.”

### **Reprioritizing motherhood**

A progressive vision of reality sees social reform and technological advancement solely as a means to make life freer, comfier, or more entertaining. Institutions, laws, and customs are ignored or eliminated without ever asking the kinds of questions Chesterton thought important: “What are these traditions and institutions for? What do we owe to future generations?”

Perry rightly concludes that an overhaul of modernity is overdue. This will involve asking better questions and, at the very least, reprioritizing motherhood. We must consider why traditional values were valued in the first place, in light of the future and not

just the present. Unfortunately, Perry also thinks that such an overhaul can take place without reconsidering the deepest roots of modern individualism or the sexual revolution. For example, among the “values” she hopes to hang onto in an ideal, fertile future are “gay rights.”

### **Not going to have one**

Still, it's encouraging to hear a voice outside of conservative

Christian circles saying that children are blessings and that healthy societies welcome them. Our increasingly sterile way of life is a sign of sickness at the heart of modernity. Unless we can learn to see the value of past traditions for our future, we're not going to have one...

<https://www.lifenews.com/2023/05/23/the-world-is-running-out-of-babies-only-3-of-people-live-in-nations-with-rising-birth-rates/>

# Wisdom

## 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*

#### **The purification of memory**

6. To purify our vision for the contemplation of the mystery, this Jubilee Year has been strongly marked by the request for forgiveness. This is true not only for individuals, who have examined their own lives in order to ask for mercy and gain the special gift of the indulgence, but for the entire Church, which has decided to recall the infidelities of so many of her children in the course of history, infidelities which have cast a shadow over her countenance as the Bride of Christ.

For a long time we had been preparing ourselves for this examination of conscience, aware

that the Church, embracing sinners in her bosom, "is at once holy and always in need of being purified". Study congresses helped us to identify those aspects in which, during the course of the first two millennia, the Gospel spirit did not always shine forth. How could we forget the moving Liturgy of 12 March 2000 in Saint Peter's Basilica, at which, looking upon our Crucified Lord, I asked forgiveness in the name of the Church for the sins of all her children? This "purification of memory" has strengthened our steps for the journey towards the future and has made us more humble and vigilant in our

acceptance of the Gospel.

### **Witnesses to the faith**

7. This lively sense of repentance, however, has not prevented us from giving glory to the Lord for what he has done in every century, and in particular during the century which we have just left behind, by granting his Church a great host of saints and martyrs. For some of them the Jubilee year has been the year of their beatification or canonization. Holiness, whether ascribed to Popes well-known to history or to humble lay and religious figures, from one continent to another of the globe, has emerged more clearly as the dimension which expresses best the mystery of the Church. Holiness, a message that convinces without the need for words, is the living reflection of the face of Christ.

On the occasion of the Holy Year much has also been done to gather together the precious memories of the witnesses to the faith in the twentieth century. Together with the representatives of the other Churches and Ecclesial Communities, we commemorated them on 7 May 2000 in the evocative setting of the Colosseum, the symbol of the ancient persecutions. This is a heritage which must not be lost; we should always be thankful for it and we should renew our resolve to imitate it.

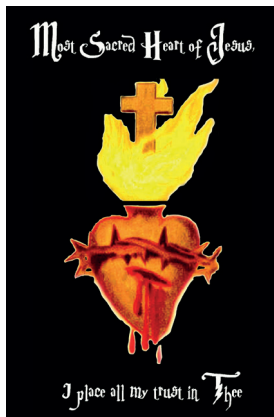
### **A pilgrim Church**

8. As if following in the footsteps of the Saints, countless sons and daughters of the Church have come in successive waves to Rome, to the Tombs of the Apostles, wanting to profess their faith, confess their sins and receive the mercy that saves. I have been impressed this year by the crowds of people which have filled Saint Peter's Square at the many celebrations. I have often stopped to look at the long queues of pilgrims waiting patiently to go through the Holy Door. In each of them I tried to imagine the story of a life, made up of joys, worries, sufferings; the story of someone whom Christ had met and who, in dialogue with him, was setting out again on a journey of hope.

As I observed the continuous flow of pilgrims, I saw them as a kind of concrete image of the pilgrim

Church, the Church placed, as Saint Augustine says, "amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God". We have only been able to observe the outer face of this unique event. Who can measure the marvels of grace wrought in human hearts? It is better to be silent and to adore, trusting humbly in the mysterious workings of God and singing his love without end: "Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo!".

*continued next month*



# Saint Michael House

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## So Much Has Happened

### So much has happened

So much has happened so far this year at Saint Michael House of Prayer! At the beginning of February, Margaret moved back to Ireland, after feeling the call of Jesus to return home. It was very sad for us, after being with her for twenty six years but we accepted Gods Will in this for her and ourselves. Not knowing how things will work out for us (as there is just the two of us servants

now and we also have our families to think of), we leave it all in Jesus' Hands. He knows what He is doing!

### The year of the Houses

Jesus had given a Message at the beginning of the year saying that this is 'the year of the Houses.' The last place I thought He would be working on was Saint Michael House but I was wrong. His Ways are not our Ways!

### What was to be done

Patrick was inspired by Jesus about what was to be done at the House and, when he came over with two servants, Jesus gave a Message to confirm it. Specifically, the Prayer Room was to be moved downstairs and the front room and back sitting room were to be returned to one through room which will become the new bigger Prayer Room. The upstairs Prayer Room will then become an extra bedroom. After this is done, Jesus will speak again about the next stage which will include the kitchen and sitting area.

### A Blessed time

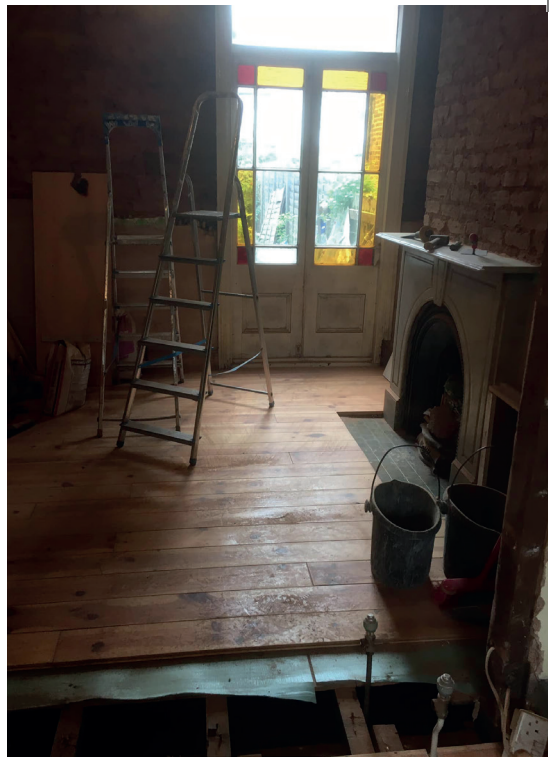
A few weeks later, Patrick returned to meet with Jim to discuss the work to be done and the plans to start were in place.



On this visit, we also had Fr Evans from Kenya along with Patrick and Bridie. It was a Blessed time for us all. Having Evans with us gave us an insight into life in Kenya, his culture and the struggle of some of the people there. He spoke about his life story and how he was born to a teenage mother. He didn't know about this until after his grandmother died and also realised his brothers and sisters were his uncles and aunts. His dream is to help and support teenage mums like his mother to have a place to go where they can find help or refuge. Often, these mums end up in the slums like his mother did, or have an abortion, or even commit suicide because of the great shame they often bear.

**We learned much**

We learned much from the visit and it has made us more aware of how we take things for granted



here and often have no thought about wasting food or how we spend money when other people in the world struggle to survive. During the visit we also enjoyed the company of some friends of the House and it was like a great family gathering.

**The building work began**

Last week, the building work began at Saint Michael's and, so far, the walls between the two downstairs rooms have been removed. The old plaster in the back room had to be taken off to the brick as it was in a bad state and the walls have been prepared and are now being re-plastered. There is other work still to be done including the plumbing, electrics, flooring and decorating.

There has been plenty of mess and dust so far but it will be worth it in the end.



### **Appropriate and amusing**

On the second day of the work, Michele asked Jesus for a Message and opened the red Message book and read a paragraph from number 333, which was very appropriate and amusing for us:

**"...Children, hear Me as I speak, lift yourselves up from the dust and I will Bless you and carry you off. You are My people, My children, no longer shall you be called unloved, unwanted, for I make children out of stones, out of the refuse of this world I call the cripples, the helpless and I call them to build My Kingdom..."**

Saturday 11 September 1993

### **Closed to the public**

At present, the House of Prayer is closed to the public due to the ongoing work but we continue in prayer with the Community until we open again.

### **A great pocket of Light**

On 4 May 1996, Jesus spoke about



Saint Michael's...

**"This House is a great pocket of Light in the darkness of this world. Like My Michael, its prayers are like warring Angels against the forces of darkness and it has pleased Me to name it as a Refuge of Love for Love is what it is.**

**I ask that times of prayer be established here in preparation for 'Community Life' - as that is what makes it a House of Prayer. Prayer should become a centre within it for I have placed a great Spiritual value upon the prayer from here...'**

### **Thank you**

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for Jesus' Work to be completed in all the Houses of Prayer and for those who are doing the work. God Bless you all.



# Sacred Heart House

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## Events to Come



**Sunday 11 June**  
**OUR LADY**  
**OF THE**  
**SACRED HEART**  
**AND**  
**BODY AND**  
**BLOOD OF JESUS**  
**DAY OF PRAYER**  
Prayers begin  
at 3pm

**Thursday 15 June to Sunday 18 June**  
**WEEKEND RETREAT CELEBRATING**



**THE FEASTS OF THE**  
**SACRED HEART AND**  
**IMMACULATE HEART**

Beginning on Thursday  
15 June with a vigil from 10pm  
until 2am.

Prayers on the Feast of the Sacred Heart  
will be: 12noon, 3pm, and at 8pm there will  
be a prayer meeting. At 11pm there will be  
an hour spent in silent reparation for the  
intentions of the Sacred Heart.

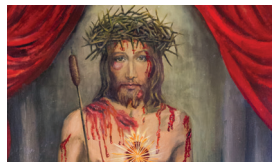
On the Feast of the Immaculate Heart,  
prayers will be at 12noon, 3pm and 8.30pm.

On Sunday we will celebrate the United  
Hearts with prayers at 12noon, 3pm, 6pm  
and 8.30pm.

**All Welcome!**

**Thursday**  
**29 June 2023**  
**FEAST OF SAINTS**  
**PETER AND PAUL**  
Prayers begin  
at 12 noon

**Sunday 16 July**  
**FEAST OF**  
**OUR LADY OF**  
**MOUNT CARMEL**  
Prayers begin  
at 3pm



**Sunday 23 July**  
**FEAST OF**  
**THE KING**  
**OF LOVE**  
Prayers begin at 3pm

**FIRST FRIDAY VIGILS**  
from 10pm - 2am:  
**7 July and 4 August 2023**





# Letters to the HoP



## Thank you

To the Sacred Heart House of Prayer,  
Enclosed money order for ...  
towards booklets and running of House.  
Please send me one of your

heart Medals to wear (*Medal of Love*). Thank you kindly for your booklets and prayers.  
God Bless you all for the great work you are doing for Jesus. Mary.



## Poland Pilgrimage 2023

Thursday 14 September  
- Tuesday 26 September  
*13 Nights*

Cost: £895 (*Non profit*)

For a copy of the itinerary  
or further information,  
please contact:

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# "Beyond the Song"



Sunday 25 June 2023

Starting at 2pm with Holy Mass

SAINT JOSEPH EQUESTRIAN CENTRE  
23 DRUMNACROSS ROAD, COOKSTOWN, BT80 9DT

Light refreshments available  
EVENT WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK  
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