

**"...I wish
the world
to recognise
My Mother's
Sacred Heart
and Her role
in bringing
My children
to Me..."**

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Editorial

The Messages

What is very apparent in the Messages this month is that time is not our friend. Jesus urges us to prepare, to be ready, as the events of this world take place. He needs us ready and He needs us to take on our battle with the sin within us seriously. We prepare by dying to the sin within, we make ourselves available to Him to use as His Hands, His Feet and His Lips as we die to our sin.

Once again, Jesus is asking us for help with His Houses of Prayer. He is asking us to show Him, by our actions in prayer and sacrifice, that we care. He stresses to us how important these Houses of Prayer are to the world, the Church and the Truth

Articles

The Articles this month have an Easter theme. "The Resurrection - Where Time Touches Eternity" was penned by one of our favourite writers, David Torkington. "The Lord Descends into Hell" is an ancient homily. A servant wrote "The Road to Emmaus."

In "The Miracle that Grew from the Ashes of 2018", Kevin Wells tells the epic story of how Fr John Hollowell asked Jesus for a cross to carry for victims who were abused by priests.

This Newsletter will reach you in May and we wanted to honour our Mother of Love so we pulled out "Thoughts On Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart" from the book 'A Fountain of Truth' by the two Patricks. The Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will be held here on Sunday 15 June 2025.

We hope to see you at 'Beyond the Song' (*see back cover*) or you can join us online! Easter Blessings!



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The Messages of Love

as given to the two Patricks

Wednesday 2 April 2025

My children, how I long for each one of you to be with Me in the Kingdom of Our Father. Children, do all in your power to follow Me, in truth. Have faith in the Words I speak and you will find the Peace, in the Path I place before you, that surpasses all understanding. Trust Me, My children, and allow Me to Teach you of My Truth. Trust Me, children. I Love you.

Thursday 3 April 2025

My children, I am with you as you read these Words of Love. I am the Words that you are reading. Feel Me as I flow through you. The more you let Me in, by dying to self, the more I will be able to help you in all that you do. Trust Me, children, and know I will help, when you turn to Me in truth. So many only come to Me

to ask for the needs of this world and not the needs of the soul. I say, I will not answer a lie; I am the Truth. If you want to follow Me, then do the things I say. Avoid sinning by dying to the desires of self. Come, walk with Me, children, and let Me Love you. I Love you.

Friday 4 April 2025

Have faith in Me, My children, and do not let fear control you. Perfect love drives out all fear. When you allow Me to fully guide you, both My Father and I will be given freedom, by your actions, to work through you, fear will have no place in you. Trust Me, walk this Path and you will come to the point where you will build the trust to hand yourself fully over, to be guided by Me, your God. Trust Me. Walk this Path and your life will change. Trust Me. I Love you.

Saturday 5 April 2025

My children, trust in Me, your God, and allow Me to Teach you in the Ways of Truth. Trust Me, children, and allow Me to remove the fear from your lives. When you

give Me free access to your heart then, all fear is driven out. Perfect Love drives out all fear.

I am Perfect Love, children. It is only through you trusting in Me that you can give Me free access. If you trust Me, then you will die to self for, your sin is your lack of trust in Me. If you trust Me, then you will want to walk the Path of Truth I set before you.

Trust is the key to overcoming self. Trust Me and I will guide you on this Journey. The more you die to self, by removing the sin from your lives, the more you will be able to trust and so, you will build in faith.

Trust Me and come walk with Me. I Love you.

Monday 7 April 2025

Have faith in Me, children, and know the Truth of My Words. I have Taught you much in these Words of Love. I have guided you along a Path that only leads to the Kingdom of Our Father in Heaven. Trust in Me, all will change.

These Words will come to an end and I will reclaim all those who wish to be Saved.

It has begun, now, trust in Me, your God.

I Love you.

Tuesday 8 April 2025

Come, children, and walk with Me on this Road of Salvation. I will guide you through the traps lucifer has placed to ensnare you and take you from Me. Trust Me, children, for you are now in the 'Time of

Justice.' A time when I will rectify the wrongs of this generation.

Trust Me, children. Can you not feel, as time moves ever faster and your days shorten even further? I must do this in order that the Day of My Truth be brought closer. The Day when mankind will begin to see and then the Battle of Love will be truly engaged.

Trust Me and pray that this Day be brought ever closer.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Tuesday 8 April 2025

Make My Houses known to this world, through your obedience to My Truth. The more you fight against the darkness of self, the more of My Light can shine through you and, so, My Truth will spread out into this world.

Trust Me, My Houses of Prayer will become the great Beacons of My Light that will shine all over this world.

Trust Me and help My Houses through your dying to self. Become a beacon of My Truth.

Trust Me, I Love you.

Do this for Me.

I Love you.

Wednesday 9 April 2025

My children, all is changing and this world is about to see the Power of their God come to life. The darkness will flee at Our Touch. We are Three in One and, now, is the time when the Father of All will change the events of this world. Too long has mankind been given freedom to distort My

Truth with lies, that have been inspired by lucifer and taken on by those who are unwilling to fight the sin in their lives.

Trust Me, children, and pray that many will listen to the Truth and repent of their sin. Pray that My Truth will spread like wildfire across this earth.

Trust Me, children, and walk this Path.

I Love you.

Thursday 10 April 2025

My children, I Love you. I will not desert you. I will stand by you, hoping that you will, one day, take on My Truth and live it. I have told you, it is only by dying to self that you can remove the sin from your lives. Only then, will you be truly able to see the Path I put before you.

Believe in My Words and begin to live them and your life will change. You will become a reflection of My Truth.

Trust Me, children, and follow Me.

I Love you.

Friday 11 April 2025

My children, once again, I call you to help My Houses of Prayer. They are about to be needed and they are not prepared. Help build them with your faith, your love. Yes, children, they are in need of material help but, more importantly, they are in need of your prayers, your sacrifices, your love, to bring them to fruition. Yes, I will ignite them using your love, which I will combine with My

Love. They shall be your gift and My Gift to this world. They will become the Beacons of My Love, My Truth. Many, many will be drawn back to My Truth through their Light.

Trust Me and help My Houses of Prayer come into being.

I Love you, children.

I Love you.

Friday 11 April 2025

Look at these Words of Truth, My children. How lonely I feel when you do not come to Me, when I am exposed upon My Altar. Come, spend time with Me, My little ones. I do not command you to come to Me but you do not realise the Joy it brings to My Heart when you spend time with Me, in Adoration.

My children, as I say, I will not force you nor do I command you to come to Me. This must be given in your free will, whether you want to spend time with Me or not. Oh, My children, if you could only see with spiritual eyes then every second you spend with Me, your hearts would burn with joy. I have told you how I feel and I invite you to come often to My Prayer Room¹ and sit with this lonely God.

I Love you, My children, and I await your response to My Call.

I Love you.

¹ *Remember every church, every chapel, is a prayer room where Jesus waits for us to come and visit Him.*

Friday 11 April 2025

My children, My Love for you is

great. I will do all in My Power to stop you from being lost to Me, without taking away your free will. Trust Me, children, all is now changing. I will not allow the evil to spread any further, without a fight. I will begin to show this world the Truth, and all will have freedom to believe or not. No longer will My Power be hidden. Faith returns.
I Love you.

**Saturday 12 April
2025**

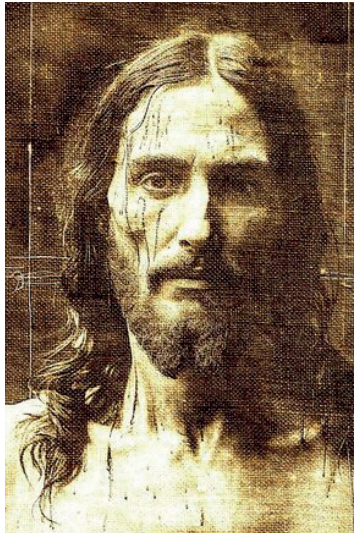
My children, listen to My Words and have faith in Me, your God. All is now set in motion and this world is about to see that I am not a dead God. I will show this world, in unexpected ways, that I am among you.

I need you, My followers, to be ready to help in this Work of Salvation. Do not be afraid but know that I, your God, am with you when you call upon Me in truth.
Trust Me, children.
I Love you.

Palm Sunday 13 April 2025

My children, My Love for you is great and I will not desert you in this, your time of need. Children, the Days of Justice are now upon you. I bring Justice for

My people. I will give you a voice. Too long have you been silenced by those who only promote sin. Trust in Me, I bring Justice to you, My followers, and Justice you will have. The Truth shall be revealed and no longer will I be a God that all are afraid to talk about. I will remove the fear that lucifer has put in front of My Name, in order to discredit My Truth.
The days of freedom fast approach. Be ready, My children.



Trust Me and prepare. I will need your hands, your feet and your lips in the days ahead.
Trust Me, children.
I Love you.

**Monday 14 April
2025**

My children, My Love for you is great. I will release you from the chains that this world has imprisoned you in. So many lies are promoted in My Name, by those who

only wish to change My Laws, to suit their selfish lifestyles. Trust Me, children, all is about to change and My people will have a voice, once again.
Trust Me and prepare.
I Love you.

Tuesday 15 April 2025

Have faith in Me, My children. Do not allow self to control you into thinking you know and understand

the Will of your God. This is how so many become blinded to the Truth and have walked a path of sin, while thinking it is My Will. Self is your enemy. It will try to draw you on a path where sin is justified. Do not allow yourselves to become blind. Die to self and do not think you understand the Will of your God. Always question your actions, against My Laws and see; do your actions go against My Teaching in any way? Remember, self will always try to justify sin into truth and many times Truth into sin. Spend time with Me in prayer and I will guide you around the traps of lucifer that he has laid down to ensnare you. Trust in Me, My children, and allow Me to be your Guide. Trust Me. I Love you.

Wednesday 16 April 2025

Have faith in Me, My children, and allow Me to Teach you. Come to Me often in prayer, this can be any time, in your daily lives. You can take a moment, at any time, to talk to Me. Talking to Me is prayer, sitting with Me in silence is prayer, look upon Me as a Friend. You can sit in comfortable silence with a friend or, you can talk to a friend. You can meditate and use My Mother, Angels and My Saints to intercede for you. Feel comfortable with Me, My children. I do not mind what way you pray. Prayer is a Gift. This Gift is gained by you taking the time to be with Me. The more time you

truly spend with Me, the greater your desire to come to prayer will be. I hear every word you speak, every thought you think, so do not think, My children, that I do not hear your prayers. I hear all My children's prayers and I answer those that are spoken in truth, without selfish desires. I am the Truth, children, remember this. Trust Me and come walk this Path with Me and I will Teach you the Way of Truth. Do not judge, do not condemn, do not look to wrong anyone but love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you and you will walk the Path of Truth with Me, your God. Be a reflection of Me, My children. Be love to all you meet. I Love you.

Wednesday 16 April 2025

Those who pretend to pray are far from Me. Those who come only when they must, what can I do with such as these? Those who only see their own hand in prayer and healing are an abomination to Me.

Oh, My children, do not pretend to love Me! You are the lukewarm that I speak of in Scripture. I will spit you from My Mouth, 16 So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:16

Ah, if only you could see Me and not yourselves. Your minimal giving to Me, especially at the time of My Passion, all but floors Me.

Find time for Me. Do not be lukewarm, do not make Me spit you from My Mouth!

Holy Thursday 17 April 2025

My children, have faith in Me, your God. I will not desert you. I have given My Life so that you could have Eternal Life in the Kingdom of Our Father in Heaven.

Trust Me and walk this Path of dying to self. Trust only in Me, My children. I will not guide you astray. Trust only in your God, who has created you through Love. Trust Me, I do not want to lose anyone but, I will not accept anyone who has only lived a lie. If you do not try to follow Me in truth, then there will be no place for you in the Kingdom of Heaven. Many, in this time, think they can live a life of sin and still enter Heaven. Children, when you die and stand before Me, you will stand in the Truth. If you have lied to yourselves in life, you will try to justify your sin and become angry with Me and blame Me for your sin.

When you die, you need to die with a humble heart, in order to enter Heaven.

Trust in Me, repent of your sin. Die to self and Heaven will be your Home.

Trust in Me.

I Love you.

Good Friday 18 April 2025

My children, have faith in Me and see the Truth of these, My Words. I have told you all is changing. This, you are about to see, as My

Power begins to be revealed, as free will is given over to Me, in true faith.

Trust Me, children, I will show you.

Prepare.

I Love you.

Holy Saturday 19 April 2025

Have faith in Me, My children, and allow My Love to penetrate your hearts.

Love has grown cold in these days of great darkness. Begin to place all your trust in Me, your God, and you will begin to see the Path that leads away from all sin and onto the Kingdom of Heaven.

Trust that when you turn to Me in truth, I will guide you.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Easter Sunday 20 April 2025

Come to Me, My children, and do not worry. I am with you when you call Me in truth.

I tell you, many only call on Me for self's intentions and do not care about anyone, only themselves. Such as these I will not answer. I will only answer if you truly want to know Me. Then I will come to you and I will begin to guide you onto the Path of Truth.

Trust Me, children, I will listen to you. I will answer you in the Way of Truth.

Trust Me and come follow Me.

I Love you.

Monday 21 April 2025

My children, come to Me often in prayer so that I may fill you with

My Strength.
Trust Me and know that I am with you.
Trust Me and prepare.
I Love you.

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Come, My children, and allow Me to guide you in this time of trial. Trust only in Me, your God. Do not let fear control you. Believe in Me and know that your God walks with you, when you try to follow Me in truth.
Trust Me and come walk with Me.
I await your response to My calls.
I Love you.

Thursday 24 April 2025

Trust in Me and believe. Trust in the Words I speak and do not let fear control you. I am with you, My children. Allow Me in and all fear will flee, as you realise that you are in My Power and that you are under the protection of your God.
Children, I will protect you when you come to Me but you, yourself, in free will, must go through this life deciding, at every moment, to walk the Path of Truth or not. I will not influence your decision. I will protect you, if you ask Me in truth. Very few do this, rather, they blame Me when things go wrong in this world. You need to look at, and learn, the Truth to be



a true follower of Mine.
Look at these Words and decide.
I Love you.

Friday 25 April 2025

Have faith in Me, My children. Do all in your power to remove the sin from your lives. Do not let the lies of this world influence you away from My Truth.

In these days, so many are drawn away through the lies of the media and of those blind shepherds within My Church.

Trust Me, children.
The Justice of your God is at work. Soon, you will see it at work, as it gathers in momentum.
Trust Me, children.
I Love you.

Saturday 26 April 2025

Come, children, and see the Truth. Look around at this world of darkness and see My Words as they come to pass before your eyes. It is all about to change in ways that no scientist, no man, would believe possible. I will show this world I am not a dead God.
Trust Me, children, and make ready so that you will become My Hands, My Feet and My Lips.
I Love you.

Divine Mercy Sunday 27 April 2025

My children, I am with you.
Invite Me into your life by living

My Words. Show Me that you believe in Me, by trusting the Words I have spoken.
Trust Me, My children.
I Love you.

Monday 28 April 2025

My children, listen to My calls within your heart. I call out, to all My children, to repent and come follow Me in truth.
I have not forgotten My Promises to this world. I will not allow the demon to overcome My Church. I simply allow lucifer to show the truth of how many, within My Church, have forgotten Me and now, walk a path of lies.
Trust Me, children, and return to My Truth.
I Love you.

Tuesday 29 April 2025

My children, I am with you. I need you to listen to My calls for you to prepare. You do not realise what is coming. I am changing everything. You are about to see the Power of your God at work in this world and I need you ready to help in this Work of Salvation.
Trust Me, My children, and prepare.
I Love you.

Wednesday 30 April 2025

My children, listen to My calls. I need your help in preparing My Houses of Prayer. I need you to show Me, by your actions, that you want My Houses of Prayer. Show Me that you care, My children.
I need many prayers and many sacrifices in order that they come

into being. I will take your prayers, your sacrifices, your giving, and I will combine them with My Love and they shall be born into this world. They shall become the Beacons that shall drive back the darkness and My Church shall become whole, once again.

Trust Me, My children, and believe in My Words. Believe in My Truth.

Do not listen to those who take away from My Scriptures. I am the Word of the Father, and I do not change.

Prepare My Houses, My children. Prepare them with your faith, your love, your giving.

Show Me that you care, by your actions.

I Love you.

Patrick:

Once again, Jesus is asking for prayer and sacrifice for His Houses of Prayer. We can feel that Jesus is preparing something. We do not know exactly what it is but we know He is preparing to reclaim His Church from those liars, the wolves in sheep's clothing, who have penetrated its very depths. Let us show Jesus that we care, by giving of ourselves, offering many little sacrifices and many prayers.

We must remember, Jesus has told us that, in His sight, one Hail Mary, one Our Father or one Glory be, when offered with a sincere heart, is like a great storm. When a simple prayer is combined with a little sacrifice, such as choosing to have one slice of bread as opposed to two, then this is like a mighty hurricane. Jesus can do much with

our prayer and sacrifice.
When He says show Him by our
actions, this is our willingness to
go against self and help Him in
this Work of Salvation.

Thank you for everything you
have done for Jesus thus far. No
matter how small you think it is,
in His sight, it is great. Thank you.

HOUSE APPEAL

We continue our appeal for help with the running costs and essential renovation works for the Houses of Prayer. We trust and rely on your support through prayer, sacrifice and giving.

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Sincere thanks.

God Bless you.

Patrick Rushe, Patrick O'Kane

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The Resurrection – Where Time Touches Eternity

By David Torkington

Even to the end of time

The Resurrection, means that Jesus has been swept up out of the world of space and time in which he'd lived before, not to leave us alone, but to be closer to us than ever before, and as he promised 'even to the end of time.' Before the Resurrection Jesus was limited by the physical body into which he had freely chosen to enter. His choice meant that he could only be in one place at a time, so meeting him would have been as difficult as meeting any major celebrity in our time. But that's all changed now, because the same otherworldly power that raised him out of this world on the first Easter day enabled him to re-enter it on every day. So now he can enter into us, as he promised, so that he can make his home in us and we can make our home in him. In the words of St Augustine this means that – 'He can be closer to us than we are to ourselves'. All this can be possible, not in some distant pipe dream, but here and now. That's why de Caussade said that 'The present moment contains far more than we have the capacity to receive, for it is full of infinite treasures'.

Resurrection

What happened at his Resurrection was that the Jesus who was once limited by the space and time world

in which he had chosen to enter, was limited no more. Now his glorified human being continually radiates like the sun, that the early Christians used to symbolize his ever loving presence. He radiates, not so much with light, but with love, but unlike the sun that only shone in the day, his love radiates both day and night, for there is no time when his love cannot be received by those who believe in him. That's why the first Christians would rise at midnight when, it was believed, that Jesus rose from the dead, to meditate on his Resurrection, on what it meant for them then, and what it would mean for them in the forthcoming day. What the risen Christ and his love had meant for them, the love of his Father had meant to Jesus throughout his life on earth.

Be drawn up

That's why every moment of every day was the moment when he opened himself to receive God's love in his relentless daily prayer, and in the way in which he served those for whom his Father had sent him. There was no moment in which he was not open to receive the love of his Father. It was therefore in imitation of him, that the first Christians, tried to do likewise. This enabled them to ensure that every moment of their

day would be a moment to receive his love. Then this love would enable them to be drawn up into his continual and abiding presence, so that in with and through him they would give glory to their Father in heaven, as he did. What they would then receive from God in return would enable them to experience something of that glory for themselves, and then show something of that glory to the world, as it infiltrated and shone through everything that they said and did, as pure unadulterated goodness.

Martin Buber

The existential philosopher Martin Buber tells the story of the carpenter from Lublin in Poland who had a dream in which he saw a vast treasure reserved for him alone. After years travelling the world to find it, he returned home at the end of his life to find that the treasure had been there all the time beneath the hearth, where he had warmed himself before the fire each evening. Like him we can spend a lifetime searching elsewhere for what is here where we are now, wherever that might be – in this present moment. The love, for which we were created and which Christ came to impart, can only be received here and now in the present moment, and at no other place than where we are now. Now is the moment to harness all the time and all the effort that could be wasted searching elsewhere to abandon ourselves without reserve to the One, who first promised, and then sent, the love that can make

all things new, beginning with ourselves.

The outpouring of God's love through Jesus did not just happen in the past, two thousand years ago, it is happening continually, but we can only receive and experience it here and now in the present moment. We can receive it now, because the baptism that once symbolised our personal reception of the Holy Spirit, is not just an event that once took place in the past, any more than the events that happened on the first Pentecost day. They both symbolised that the very personal and infinite love of God is at this moment and at every moment being transmitted to us.

Glorification

In St John's account of Christ's death, the passage that told of the water pouring from the side of Jesus was the key moment in his narrative. Once glorified he could immediately send the Holy Spirit, whom he had promised to send at the Last Supper. The outpouring of this mystical life and love had long since been likened to an unprecedented effusion of living water, by both the Prophets in the Old Testament and by Jesus himself. St John had actually been there when Jesus had first foretold what he saw for himself, the moment his side had been pierced by the centurion's lance.

Not long before his life came to an abrupt and agonising end, Jesus had taken his disciples with him to celebrate the feast of the Tabernacles in Jerusalem. On the final day, Jesus and his disciples

were gathered at the pool of Siloam outside the city gate for a key moment in the ritual. A priest walked from the temple with a golden bowl full of water. Then, while it was being poured out into the pool in memory of the rock struck by Moses, a prophecy was read out. It promised a massive outpouring of the Holy Spirit when the Messiah would come. This was the moment when Jesus chose to cry out in a loud voice: 'If any man is thirsty let him come to me. Let the man who believes in me come and drink'. St John who witnessed the whole event said, '-He was speaking of the Spirit, who those who believed in him, were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been sent, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.' (John 7:37-39).

Little did St John know at the time that he would be there to see this outpouring with his own eyes, nor the terrible circumstances that would precede it. So that there could be no doubt, he emphasises this moment in the Passion narrative more than any other. However, in the so-called 'real-time' in which St John and the other apostles lived, they had to wait until after the Ascension for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to be poured out on them in the 'Upper Room', on the first Pentecost day.

A Kingdom of Love

Now, through Jesus, the whole of humanity could have access to the infinite love of God to the end of time. It was this love that was destined to bring about a whole

new world order that Jesus had first called the Kingdom. It was a Kingdom of love. However, nowhere in the Gospels did Jesus say that the Kingdom had come, but only that it was coming. It finally came when, in the immediate aftermath of the Ascension, the infinite loving of the Father was sent out. It was sent out through Jesus, so that after the Apostles, everyone else could receive it too, if they had the inner receptivity of heart and mind that many thousands did on that first Pentecost day.

This could never have happened before, even the greatest of the patriarchs, prophets and priests in the Old Testament, never received what was open to the humblest human beings, thanks to the transformed and transfigured human nature of Jesus. That's why Jesus said, "No man born of a woman was greater than John the Baptist, but even the humblest in the kingdom was greater than he." (Luke 7:28)

If that's not good news what is? Nor do we have to go anywhere else than where we are now, to turn to receive it. The only real journey that matters begins, thanks to the continual outpouring of God's love that was unleashed on the first Pentecost day. It begins from where we are now, by continually turning to receive this love in all that we say and do each day, here and now in the 'sacrament of the present moment' where, for those with eyes to see, time touches eternity.

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THE LORD DESCENDS INTO HELL

From an ancient homily on Holy Saturday

The Lord descends into hell

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

Free from sorrow

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." I am your God, who for your sake

have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated.

For your sake

For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

For you

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back

see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree. I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves

are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

All-powerful and ever-living God,
Your only Son went down among
The dead

And rose again in glory.

In your goodness

Raise up your faithful people,

Buried with him in baptism,

To be one with him

In the everlasting life of heaven,

Where he lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever.

– Amen.

MESSAGE FROM JESUS

Wednesday 10 June 1992

...Be friends, true friends in My Love.

I feel your trust in Me. Pledge all for the Sake of the Kingdom.

You will have many doubts for I mean to test My Love in you.

Let it seep into you like My Blood seeped into the earth and thus freed those who waited.¹ Let My Love seep from your hearts into My children for have I not said, 'by your fruits you shall be known?' I embrace you in tenderness for the love you have shown. You are imprinted on My Heart forever. Do not be ashamed of Me or the Words that I speak to you. My Wounds are eased by your love and your friendship.

¹ *When Jesus Died on the Cross, the shedding of His Blood on the ground and His entry into Purgatory freed all those who waited until He had Sacrificed His Life and opened Heaven to all of us.*



The Road to Emmaus

These three Marys

Saint John the Apostle describes the scene in chapter 19 verse 25 "Near the Cross of Jesus stood His Mother, His Mother's sister - Mary the wife of Cleophas - and Mary Magdalen. These three Marys stood at the foot of the Cross with Jesus during the Crucifixion and remained with Him throughout, yet many of us do not know who Mary, the wife of Cleophas, was or indeed who was Cleophas, himself?"

The Greek words

According to Saint Jerome, much confusion has transpired because of the cultural tendency of Jews to call all relatives brother and sister, whether by blood or by marriage, sister-in-law becomes sister and so that it is a brother and sister can mean cousin or even second cousin. In this context, Mary's 'sister,' wife of Cleophas, according to Saint Jerome, was the mother of Saint James the Lesser, Saint Simon, Saint Judas - also known as Jude - and Saint Joseph. The Greek words used in the context of this passage are only used to describe cousins of the same mother and father, which also makes them four brothers who were probably descended from Joseph's lineage. In other

words, Mary of Cleophas was their mother and Cleophas was their father.

Saint Mary of Cleophas would probably have been one of the older ladies of the group. Our Blessed Mother was already a widow whom Jesus handed over to John at this point.

An unusual transformation

At this point, too, we begin to see an unusual transformation occurring among the relations of Jesus, as the events of the Crucifixion transpire. For example, Cleophas and his friends follow Jesus to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, full of enthusiasm. Suddenly things go badly wrong. Jesus is arrested without warning, is handed over to His persecutors, tortured and Crucified.

Cleophas and his companions are devastated, all their hopes and plans are devastated. With heavy hearts they pack their bags, no longer wanting to hang about in Jerusalem.

The road out of Jerusalem

Cleophas, himself, plus one companion hurrying along, take the road out of Jerusalem and back to their village at Emmaus. Only a few days before they had been so looking forward to meeting up with Jesus to celebrate Passover,

whom they had thought would be the architect of a political liberation. Now, He was dead and they were in shock, their hopes all dashed, their dreams crushed. Cleophas' own wife, Mary, had been one who had stood at the foot of the Cross, she had told him all about it, he couldn't bear to think of it - only about seven miles and he'd be home. The two walk along together discussing it all, trying to make sense of it all.

Recognising Him

While on their way back, Jesus, Himself, approaches them but they are prevented from recognising Him. As they travel, He asked them what they're talking about. Again, from Luke 24:18-27, Cleophas replies "Are you the only a visitor to Jerusalem and you do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" Jesus asks.

"About Jesus of Nazareth" they reply. "He was a Prophet, powerful in Word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death and they Crucified Him but we had hoped that He was the One who was going to redeem Israel and, what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us - they went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find His Body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of Angels who said He was Alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it, just as the women

had said but, Him they did not see."

Something wonderful

The apostles clearly do not recognise Jesus who is, in fact, about to do something wonderful for these two. He begins by explaining to them "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" He opens their minds and hearts to the meaning of the Scriptures, explaining that everything from the very beginning was now accomplished. As they walked along, Jesus talked them through the liturgy of the Word, opening them up and preparing them for the celebration of the Eucharist. Yes, Jesus, now Risen from the Dead, celebrated His first Mass which He, Himself, served as the Priest necessary. The road to Emmaus is, indeed, the Mass.

Joyful News!

As they approach the village, Jesus makes as if to continue His journey but they ask Him to stay the night. In Luke 24:30-33, while He is at the table with them, He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it and begins to give it to them. Their eyes become open, they recognise Him, and He then disappears from them. They asked each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Moreover, Jesus disappears from sight because they have just received Him through the liturgy of the Mass and the

transubstantiation of the bread and wine. They had just received, at communion, the Lord, Himself, which is why He did not need to stay any longer. When they realise

this, they go straight back to the other Apostles to tell them the Joyful News!

Jesus is Risen from the Dead, Alleluia!

Thoughts On Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart

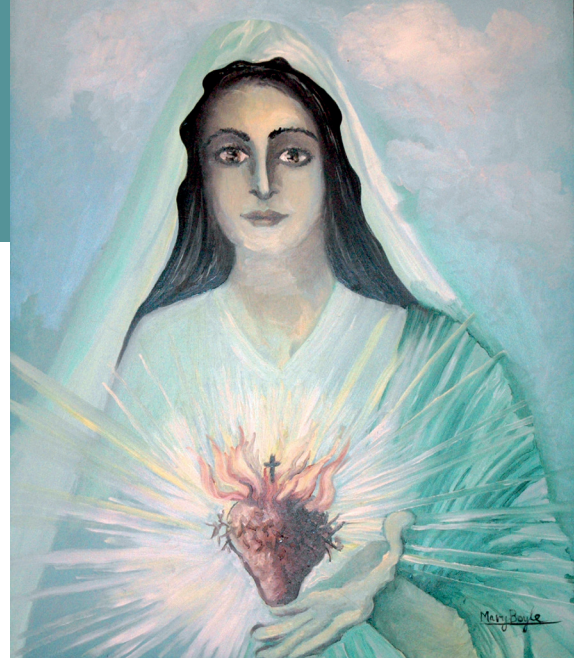
The following article was written by the two Patricks in 2001 after Jesus had asked for another Feast Day within His House to celebrate His Mother as Lady of the Sacred Heart. We thought it was fitting to include it this month of May as a tribute to Her.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

On Holy Thursday 2001, Jesus came and spoke in a Message. Usually on Holy Thursday, Jesus would speak of His Pain on this 'Night of Sorrows', but this year He spoke of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. In the Message, He called Her, 'Mother of Love and Peace,' and asked that we dedicate 10 June to Her. He told us to celebrate that Day as a Day of Love in Her honour and asked that it be treated as a Holy Day within the House of Prayer.

Bedeck the Prayer Room

Jesus invited people to come to the House of Prayer to celebrate this Day as a Day of Love just as we celebrate His Feast of Love on 16 January. The Feast Day of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is



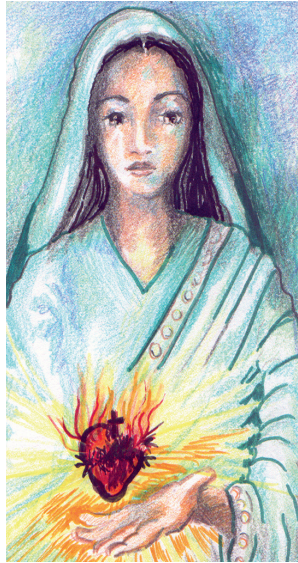
celebrated (*in the Church*) on the last Saturday in May and this in no way will take away from that date. Jesus, thinking of His Mother as always, has asked us to bedeck the Prayer Room with wild flowers as they are Her favourites. He has also commissioned that a new statue be made as to the vision that He gave of Her.

We, here at the House of Prayer, will do everything that we can to follow the Instruction of Jesus in this Message... It seems that no vision or Message was given about Her (although if you have information of this, please send it

to us) but She was invoked under this title by the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart for favours received through Her intercession.

Her role

The vision of the statue of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart that Jesus gave shows Her wearing a mint green colour, and a vision like it was given when the Messages first began. In the vision, Mary has black hair and is depicted holding Her Sacred Heart in Her outstretched Hand, unlike the pictures of Mary in this title, the baby Jesus is not present... The title of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, in my mind, conjures up beautiful images of Mary as the great Servant of Jesus and the One most fully in line with the workings of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her role, as always, is to bring the children of God to Jesus and present them to Him for Salvation. Her Sacred Heart is like His, Its Love is tortured by Love for souls. Her Love is given to Him to appease His great and beautiful Heart and only She knows the depth to which He is hurt by an ungrateful mankind. The Fire in Her Heart is the Fire of Her Love for Her Son and is delicately woven to repair the damage done by our ungratefulness.



He will judge mankind

Many, these days, will no doubt argue that we have a God who is Love and not justice. Yes, it is true that Jesus is a God of Love but there will come a time when He shall come as a Just God. He will judge mankind on his behaviour and give him his rightful place in the hereafter. Many forget, these days, that their sin is an abhorrence to Him and that The Sacred Heart

was given to this world as a sign of His ongoing Love. The Sacred Heart is a sure sign that, if we realise how much our sin hurts Him, then we will begin to move towards Him to appease that Pain for many in these days keep on sinning and tell themselves that Jesus is a God of Love and He will forgive them.

It seems to me that this kind of thinking brings Gods Justice ever closer for no effort is made to repair the damage done by sin. A sin is a sin and cannot be taken away from just because today's modern thinking tells us that we must look at sin differently. God does not change His Laws to suit an errant mankind. They are there for a reason.

Our guide back

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is our guide back to the Ways of the Heart of Jesus as given in another

age when free thinkers would have destroyed the Law as God has laid it down. She will put Her Arm around the world and lead all of us to Jesus. Her humility dictates that She is not the Salvation of the world but She will lead all those who seek it into the Heart of Her Son, Jesus. Her thoughts are His thoughts and will only do the things that pleases Him.

The Woman of the Gospel

The Woman of the Gospel is now given the title of 'The Lady of the Sacred Heart' and Jesus takes the souls that She brings to Him and gives them Salvation. Mary's role in the Gospel, I believe, can be seen in this title. Who else human but Her could feel the compassion and Love of the Most Sacred Heart? Who else could deserve a title so fitting to Her life on the earth? The Sacred Heart has called on Her to be His helper in these troubled and godless times and has given Her the very title of His deepest Love for mankind.

We also discovered

It is interesting to note that when Jesus asked for the House of Prayer in Wembley to be set up, He gave it the title, "Lady of the Sacred Heart". This was the second House of Prayer that He called for. He put Mary second only to Himself and under this title. As we always find, Jesus speaks about something and then leaves it for some time before He speaks again. We also discovered that the statue of Mary in the Prayer Room is entitled: 'Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur' 7 September 1875, which

means 'Our Lady of the Sacred Heart'. So it seems that Jesus had placed all these things before us long before the Message was given.

Her Day of Love

We, at the House, are delighted to accept Our Lady of the Sacred Heart into our midst. It will be a great joy to be here on Her Day of Love.

We hope that many of you will join us as we celebrate on Sunday 10 June 2001 (this Feast is celebrated each year on this date or the nearest Sunday. This year it is celebrated on Sunday 15 June 2025). If you cannot be here in the flesh then please, join us in spirit. Lady of the Sacred Heart, teach us how to love The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus deeply and lead us fully into His ways.



The Miracle That Grew From the Ashes of 2018



The following article was written by Kevin Wells for Crisis Magazine. He wrote an amazing piece, it is too long for this newsletter to print it in its entirety but too good not to share. Having recently meditated on Jesus' Passion in Holy Week, Fr. John Hollowell shows us what following in Jesus' Footsteps looks like.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse

In the Summer of 2018 a landslide of Church sin exploded and silence was the response of many priests and bishops. However a priest called Fr. Hollowell made a decision to lay down his life and all his prayer for the victims of clergy sexual abuse. This is a story of miraculous healing, now under investigation by the Lourdes Medical Bureau in France.

After speaking for the first time to a victim of clergy abuse, Fr Hollowell found himself in his confessional at St. Paul's Parish in Greencastle, Indiana, uncontrollably weeping. Then, he prayed: "Father, if I'm able to suffer for the victims - in imitation of You on the Cross - and offer my life in reparation for the crimes of priests, I do it willingly."

In one of his homilies in 2018 he said; the wound in the Church continues to be infected and it

oozes with fresh pus this week... In one sense, I can say that I'm not even sure I can fault people who leave. It is all so awful. But I want to challenge us to do something, I want to challenge you to run back into the building that's on fire and help to put it out, and help to rebuild.

One hundred and eighty

Fr Hollowell's seizures began in 2019 and doctors at the Mayo Clinic discovered the large brain tumor. "I knew it was the answer to my prayer," he said. He received the diagnosis at the Mayo Clinic on February 11, 2020, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. He was scheduled for surgery to remove his tumor - an oligodendroglioma - on March 13 at the Mayo Clinic. In the weeks leading up to the operation, Fr. Hollowell turned to his now-closed Twitter account to speak to his 20,000 followers. He told them he intended to "embrace this illness, to take it to the Cross willingly" for the survivors of clerical sexual abuse. He invited victims of priestly abuse to reach out and share their stories with him. He promised to carry their pain with him into surgery and into the long road of radiation and chemotherapy that would follow. One hundred and eighty victims

reached out to him with their names and stories through emails, letters, and occasional late-night phone calls.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

When he awakened five days later, Covid had the world in lockdown. Fr. Hollowell asked a nurse to wheel him into his hospital bathroom, where he began to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass live on his phone camera. As time went on he also started to pray the Rosary, Breviary, and celebrated Masses for the new congregation he had built throughout the world (his growing online audience).

Excruciatingly painful

Doctors soon discovered another problem in his brain; there had been an infection from his first surgery. So, another surgery was scheduled, where a surgeon removed the large portion of his skull that had been cut in the first surgery. He was fitted with a white plastic helmet for several months. There was then a third surgery where a large metal plate was installed where his skull used to be. "The plate was excruciatingly painful," he said. "It was very hard to live with." The third surgery was followed by nine months of chemotherapy and radiation.

Fine with dying

In the year that followed, Fr. Hollowell began to suffer some of the same aftershocks that haunt the victims he prayed for.

He once prayed: *Lord, as you took our suffering to the Cross, give me theirs. And God gave.*

He suffered panic attacks, anger,

torment, fear, he became suicidal after withdrawal from the opioids that dulled the pain and for the first time in his life, Fr. Hollowell was clinically depressed and filled with feelings of shame and isolation. He withdrew from his closest friends and family and retreated away. On the days Fr. Hollowell tried to leave his room, he was filled with anxiety and returned to seclusion. In time, Fr. Hollowell managed to pass through his ordeal, and he began to celebrate Masses again at the end of 2021, when he was asked by doctors to report for MRI scans every three months. In the winter of 2022, as the pieces to his priesthood began to come back together, a scan showed the tumor had returned, joined by a second cancerous tumor on his pituitary gland.

Doctors wanted him to begin a second round of radiation and chemotherapy. Fr. Hollowell, however, said no. "At this point, I was fine with dying," he said.

It was the prayer I made to our Lord in 2018: "If I'm able to suffer for the victims in imitation of You on the Cross, and offer up my life in reparation for the crimes of priests, I do it willingly."

Lourdes

He scheduled a solo trip to Lourdes in June of 2022, to see if he might be one of the thousands who claim to have received healing from visiting the shrine and having the waters unearthed by Bernadette poured over his scarred head. Humbly, he also had carried another thought to Lourdes: "If I

became healed, I thought it might help draw some of the victims, family members, and friends who had fallen away from the practice of faith back to church,” he said.

Two weeks after his return, a few of his parishioners told him he was looking great, vibrant and stronger. Then, an MRI showed that his oligodendroglioma was gone. The growth on his pituitary gland had stopped growing. As you read this sentence, nothing is there anymore. Everything has vanished.

Three years later, Fr. Hollowell, uncomplainingly, obliges a panel of doctors in Lourdes, who’ve asked him to send them all of his latest discs of MRIs and radiology reports until further notice.

“The world rejects the redemptive work of suffering,” Fr. Hollowell has said.

Hopefully, if things proceed like they are - and a miracle is approved - the world will see that, yes, in fact, suffering is not only

redemptive, but that it can save. Maybe those who doubt will be open to seeing that suffering is not only not meaningless—but even that asking for it brings unexpected results with enormous value.

In Fr Hollowell’s reflection of his journey he says;

I experienced some of what the victim does...In time, the violence of it all became my only consolation. Because I knew God, I thought then, was helping the victim survivors through it, in His own way.

This is what redemptive suffering looks like, what the saints, Peter, Paul, and the Church preach and have always understood. The prosperity gospel is not part of our Catholic Church. St. Peter said (1 Peter 2:21) that “Christ suffered for each of us, leaving us an example that we should follow.”

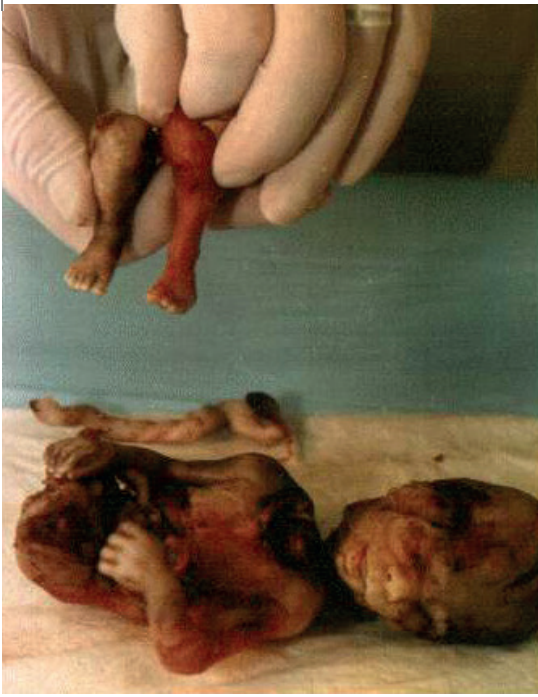
For the full article can be found at: on <https://crisismagazine.com/opinion/the-miracle-that-grew>

The Plight of Others

DEADLY SILENCE: FRANCE’S ABORTION CENSORSHIP

We came across the following article on the censorship, regarding the truth of abortion in France. While this article deals specifically with France, it

runs chillingly true of all of our countries. We hear, more and more, of people being arrested and imprisoned for daring to speak out against abortion and, in some



cases, even arrested for ‘thinking’ prayers against abortion.

THE COUNCIL OF STATE IS BANNING ANYTHING THAT OFFERS WOMEN A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE UNBORN.

*By Jonathon Van Maren
December 4, 2024*

A unique, living, whole human
Hundreds of thousands of babies are aborted each year in France - approximately 243,000 in 2022 alone. In fact, the abortion rate is increasing, year over year, with press reports belatedly warning of a ‘baby bust’ even as France hurtles towards the edge of a demographic cliff. But if the French government has their way, it will soon be impossible to tell the truth about what actually happens during an abortion - the physical destruction of a unique, living, whole human being developing in the womb.

With chilling frankness

That description isn’t ideological. Every embryology textbook at every major medical institution informs the reader that human life begins at fertilization. Indeed, even the way we debate about abortion implicitly reveals this fact. ‘I believe the cutoff for abortion should be at 15 weeks,’ says the ‘moderate’ pro-choice person. Indeed? Fifteen weeks from what, exactly? The question answers itself. Even most abortionists will admit, with chilling frankness, that their job involves ending lives.

Should not be considered a living being

I wonder if the American abortionist who told the BBC that he kills babies would be censored if he attempted to be similarly honest on French TV. ARCOM, the French media regulator, recently fined the conservative TV channel CNews a staggering €100,000 after presenter Aymeric Pourbaix observed in February that abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide according to the WHO’s estimate of 73 million deaths per annum.

The comments were made in the context of an infographic shown on the Catholic show *En quête d’esprit*, and as H el ene de Lauzun reported, they sparked “a wave of indignation in the mainstream press on the grounds that abortion cannot be considered a ‘cause of death’ because the foetus should not be considered a living being.” The channel, owned by Catholic businessman Vincent

Bolloré, ended up backtracking and apologizing for showing the infographic. An investigation was launched nonetheless.

Months-long witch-hunt

The Council of State recommended that CNews be more tightly regulated; the minister delegate for health even used the factual infographic as evidence that it was necessary to insert abortion in France's constitution, which occurred in March. After a months-long witch-hunt, the channel was fined for failing in its "obligation of honesty and rigour in the presentation and processing of information" because "Abortion cannot be presented as a cause of death."

Disturb the conscience

This ludicrous censorship of an obvious fact is significant because it is not the first time the French government has cracked down on pro-life speech. In 2016, the Council of State affirmed a previous ban by the French Broadcasting Channel on a short video titled "Dear Future Mom": The video featured children with Down syndrome telling a mother who has just found out that her unborn child has Down syndrome not to be afraid; that her child will be able to hug her, to run towards her, love her, and "be happy—just like I am." The ad was released in 2014 for World Down Syndrome Day and racked up millions of views on YouTube. But according to the Council of State, the video could "disturb the conscience of women who, in accordance with

the law, have made personal life choices."

Down syndrome

What "personal life choices"? In France, like most other Western countries, around 80% of children diagnosed with Down syndrome in the womb are aborted, and the French government wanted to ensure that these women did not see the video, filled with happy people with Down syndrome, and regret their lethal choice. Thus, even a video that does not address abortion at all was banned by the government just in case the very sight of a little girl or little boy with Down syndrome should cause a twinge in the conscience of women who have been assured by the government that abortion is not killing.

Medical waste containers

If abortion is to be legal, the truth must be illegal - because our consciences can only bear this bloodshed if we deny it entirely. Even the beautiful faces of those who remind us of what we are doing must be erased, banned, pushed from public consciousness, because their very smiles inflict pain on the consciences of those who have consigned babies just like them to the medical waste containers and incinerators in abortion clinics. The children in that video do not say anything about abortion, but seeing them, we know - and thus even that horrifying realization must be snuffed out.

Repentance

It reminded me of Orwell's

description of totalitarianism: "If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face - forever." That face, as it turns out, is the face of a child with Down syndrome. The government does not protect pre-born children, and so it must

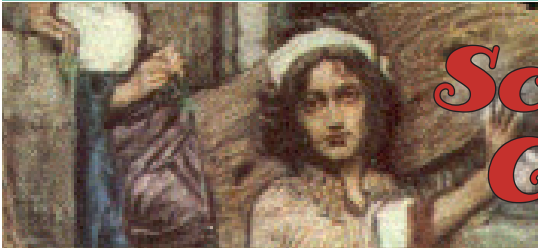
instead shelter from the truth the consciences of those who have killed their own children, thereby denying them the only real solution to this ongoing horror: repentance.

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My child, you must realise that the gods of the people back in the time after the flood, were the remembered Nephilim. These became savage beings who demanded the sacrifice of human life because they knew I was opposed to it.

In these days, abortion of the innocents is a mirror image of the worship in the days of the Nephilim. Each murder that takes place is this same influence, that is why I have said that it is not what a man eats or puts into his body that causes him to sin but what is already there. If I had not kept the knowledge of the Nephilim away from mankind what you see today as bad would have been much worse. Now, My son, do you realise the severity of My Words?

Friday 30 August 2002



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 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.

Mary looked out across the Wilderness of Zin. She could see its beauty, its dancing heat. It was like a voice that beckoned you into it; only too late you discover that there is nothing there, only heat and no water, no vegetation, no hope. It was not a land for people; only snakes and lizards could eke out an existence there. It was formidable but it was beautiful. God had created it for a purpose

and man had not yet found that purpose. They travelled onward towards Beersheba.

Mary remembered the stories from the Scripture about Hagar who wandered through the Wilderness of Beersheba after Abraham had sent her and her son, Ishmael, away from him. Hagar had run out of water and knew that if they did not have water then both of them would die. Hagar placed her son under a bush to save him from the sun, she wept and cried out to God. She heard the voice of the Lord call out to her saying that he had heard the child crying and she was not to fear but to take him with her for he would be the father of a nation. Then God showed her a well of water and she was able to fill her water bag with it and give the boy a drink.

‘There were many who were led by God to do his will’, Mary thought, ‘It is when we do his will that his will for us comes to pass.’

She thought about Hagar. She was put to the test and believed. The Lord had led Hagar just as he was leading her and Joseph into safety with the child, Jesus. ‘God has a plan for all of us,’ Mary thought, ‘it is only when we do not obey that things begin to go wrong.’

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They stayed in Beersheba for two nights so that the merchants could trade their wares to the people of the town. Mary and Joseph did not go into the town, preferring instead to remain outside it. There was a well near where they pitched their tent and they were able to get water. Mary filled the goatskin bag that held the water and kept it cool. A man had drawn the water for her and she thanked him. A voice behind her spoke and she turned to see a woman who was dressed in a blue robe with a white veil about her head.

“Hail, I have not seen you at this well before, are you new to Beersheba?” The woman smiled in a friendly manner.

“No, you have not seen me for I am just passing through on my way to Jerusalem and on to Nazareth,” Mary smiled back at the woman. It was good to speak Aramaic again.

“Ah you are with the caravan that arrived yesterday, then you will have heard little news. You probably have not heard that Israel now has three kings! You would have thought that one Herod was enough but now we have three of



them!"

"Did this happen after King Herod was dead?" Mary asked of the woman, "You see we, my husband and child and I, have been living in Egypt and are only now coming home."

"Yes, only days after the old king was buried it was announced by the Romans that we would have three different provinces with three different kings ruling them." The woman had a round face with full lips. Her eyes were sparkling now as she told Mary the news. "I suppose" she went on "they had to split it up to save Herod's sons from fighting over it. We have Archelaus over us here. He rules Edom, Judea and Samaria." The woman lowered her voice. "Let me tell you that he is worse than his father. Already people are beginning to complain about him. He is not really a king though he just calls himself that. He is really called an Ethnarch; I think it means governor. The talk is that Augustus told him that if he ruled well he would get to be king. I think that the Romans only want someone to keep us Jews out of trouble. Well, he wasn't long in his new position when there was some trouble in the Temple in Jerusalem, some people were complaining about the way things were being run in it. Well, there was an almighty war and there was about three thousand Jews killed, all going about their daily prayer, minding their own business and Archelaus' men slaughtered them. They say that he replaced Joazar,

the High Priest, with his own half brother, Eleazar. You would think that he could not do that but he did. As far as I heard they sent all the important men from all around Judea and Samaria to Rome to talk to Caesar about him. Things were really hot here for a few weeks." She lowered her voice again, "You dare not say a word around here, you are likely to get your throat cut! Some people around here support him, you know!" The woman stopped talking for a moment and Mary began to wonder if she really wanted to hear all this. "Let me think now" she went on "ah yes! Philip was given the north territory, Iturea, and Antipas is ruling Galilee. He's not a bad sort, or so they say. I say if he's a Herod then he's got something up his sleeve. Between you and me, I don't think any of them could rule a herd of sheep from what I've heard!"

The woman laughed at her own humour and Mary laughed with her. She had finished filling her jar and had placed it on her head to carry it to her home.

"Well it was good to talk with you but I have a family to feed and water so I must go now. My husband says I talk too much anyway. I wish you peace on your journey and that you find what you are looking for with the help of God. Shalom to you."

"Thank you and Shalom to you too," Mary called after her. The woman walked away leaving Mary alone with her thoughts.

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THE FOUR LAST THINGS

The following article is a good reminder of 'the four last things'. Jesus has said in the Scriptures 'we do not know the day or the hour,' He might call us home or return in His Glory. And He repeats in the Messages 'prepare, prepare, prepare.'

Hopefully through dying to self and following Him in truth we will be ready.

THE FOUR LAST THINGS: Death, Judgment, Hell, and Heaven.

These are the things that our souls are progressing toward daily, as our earthly life moves closer to an end. These are the things of the eschaton (*the final event in the Divine Plan, the end of the world*). The early Christians were aware of the four last things. They believed that Christ was going to return in their lifetime; and so, the preaching of the early Church included, often centred, around the eschaton.

DEATH

Death is the moment in which our soul and our body separate. God created the soul and body to be together and their separation, therefore, is unnatural (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 362-364*). There are things about death that

all Catholics should understand but regrettably are not spoken of commonly in the modern time.

The rending of the soul from the body is agonizing, comparing not with any pain experienced by the person while living, though for some, there is a peaceful passing over. At the moment of Christ's death, He let out an agonizing cry and died (*Mark 15:37*). We cannot expect to share fully in Christ's passion without enduring this agonizing separation of our body and soul.

What a perfect example we have in Christ, who goes before us in all things! Instead of fearing death, we should embrace it. Only through death can we be raised to share in the glory of our heavenly homeland. God gives us hope in His promise that the body and soul will join together again on the last day when all of humanity will be raised from the dead.

JUDGMENT

There are two judgment periods. When we die, our soul goes immediately to Christ for judgment. This is called the particular judgment. At the particular judgment, we will be held accountable by the great Judge and sentenced to Heaven,

hell, or Purgatory. Heaven and hell are treated in more detail below, but understand that the reward of Heaven or the sentence of hell is permanent, and the soul will remain there until the last day and resurrection of the dead.

Many good souls who will receive the reward of Heaven but are not yet pure enough to achieve the beatific vision (seeing God face to face) will be sent to Purgatory. In Purgatory the soul will complete the suffering necessary to purge the stain of sin from their souls. All souls in Purgatory are destined for Heaven. Here they may neither sin nor merit grace and are dependent on the prayers of the saints in Heaven (the Church Triumphant) and the souls on Earth (the Church Militant) to be released from the bond of Purgatory. This is why we are called to pray for the dead (*2 Maccabees 12:45; Mazzei, 2016*).

At the end of time, God will send forth signs of the eschaton (*Revelation 8:7-11:14*). There will be a great chastisement that will bring the Earth to an end. After this event, great trumpets will blow and Christ will appear coming down from Heaven in His full glory, unlike the humility in which He appeared in the Incarnation.

This is the time of the general judgment when the souls of the dead will appear at the site of their earthly interment and gaze upon their body. The bodies of the just will appear glorified and the soul and body will long to be

reunited and will be. The souls of the wicked will gaze upon hideous bodies, resembling demons more than the human bodies. The wicked souls will loathe the idea of reunification but will have no choice but to obey God's commandment.

Then all will be assembled to the place of the general judgment where Christ will appear in Glory on His throne. As Scripture tells us, the sheep will be gathered on His right and the goats on His left (*Matthew 25:31-33*). Each soul will give an accounting before all of their sins. The demons will be on hand to accuse and the Angels to defend, but there will be no escaping the Just Judge. Even the elect will be shamed as they recount their sins before Christ and all of humanity.

HELL

satan's greatest advantage over men's souls is their lack of belief in either demons or hell. Among those that acknowledge their existence, there is a great number that doubts the severity, permanence, or likelihood of the punishment. They mistake God's mercy for permission to sin or to put off worrying about the final judgment.

From Scripture and private revelation to the Saints, we know that hell is both eternal and infinite in its torture. The fire of hell is not symbolic, but real (*Matthew 25:41; 13:42; Deuteronomy 32:22-25*). It is a fire that does not compare to any earthly fire as it is fueled by the breath of God (*Isaiah*

30:27,33). In addition to fire, there are other infinite torments that the souls of the damned must endure for all eternity. Hell is a place of terrifying darkness (Matthew 13:42), of terrible starvation and thirst, and the foulest of all stenches, like mountains of decaying corpses.

All of the conflagration, darkness, fear, and stench of hell notwithstanding, the greatest punishment afflicted upon the souls of the damned is being deprived of the beatific vision. This is difficult for those of us still living with our human senses to understand, but the beauty of this vision is so great that to be deprived of it is hell itself. St. Bonaventure and St. John Chrysostom both write of the torture of being denied the beatific vision:

The most terrible penalty of the damned is being shut out forever from the blissful and joyous contemplation of the Blessed Trinity. (St. Bonaventure)

I know many persons only fear hell because of its pains, but I assert that the loss of the celestial glory is a source of more bitter pain than all the torments of hell. (St. John Chrysostom)

Even the devil himself is forced to admit how glorious is God's beauty. Blessed Jordan, who was Master of the Dominican order, once asked satan in the body of a possessed person what was the greatest torment of hell. He responded that it was being denied the presence of God. When pressed to describe God's beauty,

he gave an elaborate metaphor and said that God's beauty was beyond compare. If the souls in hell were granted to gaze upon the beauty of the Holy Trinity but for a moment, they would find hell less intolerable.

HEAVEN

Heaven is often talked about as a spiritual place; but in fact, it is a physical realm as well. In Heaven, we will dwell with our glorified bodies among all the elect and with our Lord and our Lady in their bodily forms as well. They shall see Heaven with their eyes and experience it with all of their senses. The elect will hear the sounds of the Angels, smell the most wonderful fragrances, touch and taste with glorified senses, not of ordinary food but of a sustaining sweetness that is all satisfying.

In Heaven, the elect will see and converse with each other. They will be with family, friends, and all of Church Triumphant. It will be as if they knew each other all along. The saints (as they can all be called) will talk about their earthly journey, the glory and mercy of God, and all manner of beautiful and intelligent things. They will instantly know everything knowable and travel to the ends of the universe with a mere thought.

CONCLUSION

MEMENTO MORI

When we contemplate the things of Heaven, it should be so easy for us to accept the trials and sufferings of this life; to mortify our bodies, curb our lower

appetites, and do penance. This is what is necessary for us to obtain Heaven. We hear often in our modern world, which is full of the doctrine of moral relevancy, that hell is surely empty or at least there are few souls there.

We know from accounts of the Saints that were granted visions of hell that the opposite is true. Christ Himself tells us that many are called to the Kingdom, but few are chosen (Matthew 22:14). We

lull ourselves into false security by believing that if we are simply nice people and try not to hurt others that we will go to Heaven. This is the evil one speaking! Cast him aside and listen to the voices of the Apostles, the Saints, and our Lord in the Gospels. Above all, Memento Mori - Remember your Death!

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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*

A practical sign

56. Dialogue, however, cannot be based on religious indifferentism, and we Christians are in duty bound, while engaging in dialogue, to bear clear witness to the hope that is within us (cf. 1 Pt 3:15). We should not fear that it will be considered an offence to the identity of others what is rather the joyful proclamation of a gift meant for all, and to be offered to all with the greatest respect for the freedom of each one: the gift of the revelation of the God who is Love, the God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16). As the recent Declaration Dominus

Jesus stressed, this cannot be the subject of a dialogue understood as negotiation, as if we considered it a matter of mere opinion: rather, it is a grace which fills us with joy, a message which we have a duty to proclaim.

The Church therefore cannot forgo her missionary activity among the peoples of the world. It is the primary task of the *missio ad gentes* to announce that it is in Christ, "the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" (Jn 14:6), that people find salvation. Interreligious dialogue "cannot simply replace proclamation, but remains oriented towards proclamation".

This missionary duty, moreover,

does not prevent us from approaching dialogue with an attitude of profound willingness to listen. We know in fact that, in the presence of the mystery of grace, infinitely full of possibilities and implications for human life and history, the Church herself will never cease putting questions, trusting in the help of the Paraclete, the Spirit of truth (cf. *Jn 14:17*), whose task it is to guide her "into all the truth" (*Jn 16:13*).

This is a fundamental principle not only for the endless theological investigation of Christian truth, but also for Christian dialogue with other philosophies, cultures and religions. In the common experience of humanity, for all its contradictions, the Spirit of God, who "blows where he wills" (*Jn 3:8*), not infrequently reveals signs of his presence which help Christ's followers to understand more deeply the message which they bear. Was it not with this humble and trust-filled openness that the Second Vatican Council sought to read "the signs of the times"? Even as she engages in an active and watchful discernment aimed at understanding the "genuine signs of the presence or the purpose of God", the Church acknowledges that she has not only given, but has also "received from the history and from the development of the human race". This attitude of openness, combined with careful discernment, was adopted by the Council also in relation to other religions. It is our task to follow

with great fidelity the Council's teaching and the path which it has traced.

In the light of the Council

57. What a treasure there is, dear brothers and sisters, in the guidelines offered to us by the Second Vatican Council! For this reason I asked the Church, as a way of preparing for the Great Jubilee, to examine herself on the reception given to the Council. Has this been done? The Congress held here in the Vatican was such a moment of reflection, and I hope that similar efforts have been made in various ways in all the particular Churches. With the passing of the years, the Council documents have lost nothing of their value or brilliance. They need to be read correctly, to be widely known and taken to heart as important and normative texts of the Magisterium, within the Church's Tradition. Now that the Jubilee has ended, I feel more than ever in duty bound to point to the Council as the great grace bestowed on the Church in the twentieth century: there we find a sure compass by which to take our bearings in the century now beginning.

Continued next month

"...I give you a new Day to celebrate the goodness of Heaven...dedicated to My Mother, Mary, Mother of Love and Peace. ...bring to Her the wild flowers of the fields for it is these that She loves..."

Jesus, Thursday 12 April 2001

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Events to Come

Sunday 18 May
House of Prayer
CLOSED for a
private retreat

Sunday 22 June
BODY AND BLOOD
OF JESUS
DAY OF PRAYER
Prayers begin at 3pm

FIRST FRIDAY
VIGILS
from
10pm - 2am:
6 June and
4 July 2025




Thursday 29 May
TRUE ASCENSION
DAY OF THE LORD
Prayers begin at 12pm

Thursday 26 June to Sunday 29 June
WEEKEND RETREAT
celebrating
THE FEASTS OF THE SACRED
HEART, IMMACULATE HEART
AND SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Beginning on Thursday 26 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 Our Lady of the
Sacred Heart with prayers
at 12noon, 3pm, 6pm and
8.30pm.



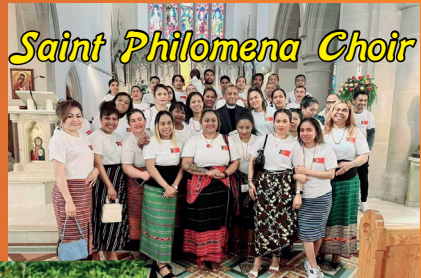
All Welcome!



WORSHIP
BEYOND THE SONG

Pentecost Sunday
8 June 2025
At Saint Joseph
Equestrian Centre
Starting at 2pm

Sunday 15 June
OUR LADY OF THE
SACRED HEART
Prayers begin at 3pm



**WORSHIP
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BEYOND THE SONG



**Sunday 8 June 2025
Pentecost Sunday**

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

**Beginning at 2pm with
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 4pm**

**Tea, coffee, biscuits available/no hot food - bring a packed lunch
EVENT WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE
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