

**THIRTY
YEARS!!**



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Editorial

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Front cover - "Crucified Love"

Throughout this year, we are celebrating thirty years of the House of Prayer and, so, each month, we are trying to use images or pictures that are significant to us here in the Sacred Heart House of Prayer, either because Jesus, Himself, gave them or they are something that He has asked for or, they have some meaning to us throughout the thirty years. On the front cover is an image of the Crucified Love, you can read more about this inside the Newsletter.

The Messages

In this month's Messages, Jesus continues to tell us to trust in Him, even when the wind howls around us, when the sea would seemingly drown us, when it is so dark that we cannot see, we are to believe in Jesus' Promise. He refers to Saint Peter who trusted and believed but faltered for a moment, allowing self to shake him and frighten him during the storm and he sank in the sea.

Our trust is built when we spend time with Jesus in prayer, there we get to know Him, discover who He truly is in pondering His Word,

especially the Gospels.

Saint Thérèse House of Prayer

We continue our appeal for the roofs for the Houses of Prayer.

At the end of August 2024, a few servants went out to Saint Thérèse House of Prayer in Belgium. They cleaned up the garden and checked over the general condition of the House. Please read the appeal for more information.

Patricks writings

The two Patricks have written a thought provoking article 'To Hear and Absorb a Message.' It challenges us to see the truth of how we treat the precious Words that Jesus gives us. Do we allow them to change us or do we simply read them and forget?

Thirty Years

We continue with our servants' writings on thirty years of the House of Prayer. This month the servant writes about the treasure that the House of Prayer is.

Other articles

Other articles include 'Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys' and 'Our King of Love'. These are reflections from a servant.



The Messages of Love

as given to the two Patricks

Friday 2 August 2024

My children, trust in Me, your God, and know I am with you. All seems lost, as if you walk in darkness but, know, My children, you now walk on Calvary with Me. Soon, you will experience the Resurrection, when My Light will begin to flow back into this world and the darkness will retreat before Me.

I have told you, the Day of your God now dawns and, soon, My Light shall shine out across this world and all will see and have a chance to return.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Saturday 3 August 2024

My children, be with Me in this time as My Power begins to flow. I need you to be My Hands, My Feet and My Lips. My Power is My Love, My Truth, it is only through Love that this world can be healed.

Yes, children, My Justice is My Love. Watch and see as this world begins to change; the good and the evil will be separated as the cleansing begins and My people are given a voice.

Trust Me, children, and draw close.

Trust Me, trust.

Thursday 1 August 2024

My children, be with Me in this time and know that the cleansing of this earth has begun. Know that all My Words will be fulfilled, and, know that your God will not desert you.

My children, I have given you many Words through My two, these Words are given to guide you through this time that you now live in. Do not worry, My remnant, all seems lost but, very soon, your numbers will grow as My children begin to return to the safety of My Fold.

Make haste, My little children, and be ready for you, too, will be needed in this Work of Salvation. I will need your hands, your feet and your lips to help My lost and lonely children return.

Be at Peace, My children, your God is with you.

I Love you.

I Love you.

Sunday 4 August 2024

My children, have faith and come, spend time with Me in prayer so that you may get to know Me. Trust that I will guide you if but first you try to get to know Me. Trust Me, My children. I Love you.

Monday 5 August 2024

Come close to Me, My children, and let My Love envelop you. I have set you a Path and this Path will only lead you to Heaven. Love all that you meet, do not judge, and, forgive, and you will be firmly planted upon this Path. Trust Me, children. Trust Me. I Love you.

Tuesday 6 August 2024

My Way is like a stony path. It is fraught with many seeming dangers but these dangers arise when you do not trust in Me. I bade Peter to come to Me on the water and he did. He trusted Me. Trust means not seeing anything else but Me; believing in what I have told you, believing, though the winds howl around you and the sea would seemingly drown you, believing in My Promises, even though you cannot see the end, when all seems darkness around you.

Peter faltered because, for a moment, he allowed the self to shake him and frighten him and not believe in My Promises. Peter could see Me on the water, amid the storm but, he allowed the

storm to take his trust away from Me and he sank.

So it is with you, My children. I have made many Promises and they are as sure as the death you know will overcome you, one day, but, many times, you sink into the water and your faith in Me is gone. Self is allowed to dictate to you, so much, that My Will for you becomes twisted, entwined with self and My Promises become obscured in self.

The stony path is the Way to Me. It presents obstacles that teach you, allowing you to see how you must die to your self. As you die to self, you begin to see the dangers that self brings you to, you begin to see, in the overcoming of self, to see, as I see.

Grace is what I give you to help you to overcome self. Grace is the means to overcome. Grace gives you the knowledge to see the righteousness of My Ways. Without Grace to help you then, you remain blind.

I give you Grace in the facing of each stone on the path, that seems like a mountain, and, in that Grace, there are many teachings on HOW to overcome the mountain, that faces you. It is My Holy Spirit, who says to you, in these times:

9 But He said to me, "My Grace is sufficient for you for My Power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9.

When self arises, being blind, it cannot see but doggedly seeks its own truth that, no matter how much of My Truth is spoken, it will not see, as in these Words:

You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.

15 For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.'

Matthew 13:14-15

In this, I speak of those who WILL NOT see, those who will not allow My Grace to penetrate them. Self has become so ingrained in them that, even though they SEE and UNDERSTAND that My Way is the only Way, they will not allow self to die, nor, will they allow it to penetrate because they will not permit self to be wrong. They will see the self in others, refusing to believe that they, themselves, are wrong. It can take many stones, along the path, tripping them up to overcome the self within them, let alone die to it.

This is why I send Grace. Grace opens the eyes to My Truth; Grace allows a glimpse, in the soul, what it is like to live without self.

Peter, from his heart, and, because My Holy Spirit had penetrated his soul with the Words I had taught him that showed him the Truth of who I was, said these Words:

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 16:13-17

Die to self, then, My children, and fight with your utmost to overcome. Recognise the Grace that I place in you to overcome the self that mars you, like damaged eyes, from seeing what Peter saw. When he saw that Truth, he became My True Apostle. Everything he did from then on, was in Truth. Do not let self damage, influence, the eyes that My Spirit gives you through Grace. Look at these Words:

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,

23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Matthew 6:22-23

Tuesday 6 August 2024

Have faith in My Power, which is My Love. Love can solve all things. Love can heal all ills. I am Love; come to see and understand

who I truly am and you may ask anything in My Name and it will be granted to the Glory of Our Father in Heaven.

Trust Me, children, and allow Me to flow into your hearts. Feel Me, I am Love, let Me flow through you to My other children. Be My Hands, My Feet and My Lips and see the world change around you. Love Loves you and I will guide you, if you let Me.
Trust Me.
I Love you.

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Have faith, children, for now We begin to walk forward and My Light will carve the darkness away and I will guide My lost sheep back. All who want to return will be given a place in My Army of Love.

Remember, it is only through Love that the wounds of this world can be healed. My Love will penetrate the darkness and this world will see the change as My Power is seen.

Trust Me, children, it has begun.
I Love you.

Thursday 8 August 2024

My children, I Love you. I am Love and I want you to be a reflection of My Love. Come to Me often and see the Truth of My Words. I am with you, let Me guide you. See what I say and believe.
I Love you.

Saturday 10 August 2024

Believe, children, as the time now fast approaches, you need to stay

close. As My Prophets call out to this world, you will see the Words I speak through them being fulfilled rapidly.

Trust Me and take on My Words. Trust Me and make haste. Prepare. Trust, children.
I Love you.

Monday 12 August 2024

My children, look around you, read the signs of the times and see the Words of your God being fulfilled. I have told you that you must prepare but so few have listened.

Truly, I say, the harvest is great and the labourers are few. So many have listened and then walked away, they have been drawn away by the glitter of this world.

Some will return and I need you ready to help them. Sadly, more will refuse to return and will be swept away with the fallen into the pit of hell. Pray, children, that all who hear will take on My Grace and return.

Pray, children.
I Love you.

Tuesday 13 August 2024

Trust Me, My children, and know I am with you. I will not desert My own. Trust Me and let Me guide you through this time.

Trust Me, children.
I Love you.

Wednesday 14 August 2024

My children, so many in this time only look to the wealth of this world and at how much they can gather in for themselves. The

Truth is, soon money, gold and precious stones will lie in your streets unnoticed for all will have lost their value. All that will be seen of value will be food and shelter.

Children, you do not see or understand what mankind has called down upon himself through his sin. It is plain to be seen for, both Me and My Mother, have spoken about all that will happen through many Prophets, Seers and Visionaries all over this world. You now live in the 'Time of Justice' when all Our Words will be fulfilled but, all you concern yourselves with is money.

Children, you are blinded by this world and its glitter which rots, decays and disappears back into this earth, whereas, all that you gather in My Kingdom lives forever.

Look and see the Truth and turn to Me. Trust Me.

I Love you, make haste and be ready.

I Love you.

Wednesday 14 August 2024

Listen to My Words, children, and see the Truth as this time comes to an end and I guide you through these Words. Sin is your enemy, it clouds your sight so that you walk deeper into the darkness, it is a trap, set by lucifer in order that you lose your way and are easy prey for his web of lies.

Look, children, fight against self and become what I created you to be. Trust Me and follow My Words.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Thursday 15 August 2024

Feast of the Assumption

Trust Me, children, and forget about accumulating the wealth of this world, it will gain you little of worth in this life and nothing in the next. Look in Truth at how short your lives are and ask yourself the question, why do you not prepare for your True Life of Eternity, where you live forever?

Think, children, as I have said, gather your treasure in Heaven, where it will count for something and be of value. Trust Me and help Me in the Work of Salvation and you will be gathering true wealth.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Friday 16 August 2024

Have faith in Me, children, and do not doubt My Words. Already, many have been fulfilled but all My Words will be fulfilled and this world will know Truth. I have told you, the web of lies begins to unravel and, soon, this world will see and understand what has been happening.

All will see how those in power have controlled the media and have used them to promote their agenda of lies. They are but puppets of lucifer and will soon pay for their sins. Trust Me, children, and draw close to Me and let Me be your Guide.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Sunday 18 August 2024

Have faith in Me, children, and allow Me to guide you. I will not forsake you when you step onto the Path that leads to Me. I will always be there to guide you but, you must let Me. I will not go against your free will.

Trust Me, now, the Father of All walks this earth and will speak the Words of Truth that will give My people a Voice. Trust Me and be ready for all has begun and this world will now see the truth of its ways. The web of lies will be seen as it really is and all will have a chance to return.

Be ready.

I Love you.

Monday 19 August 2024

Have faith in Me, My children, and do not allow the lies of this world to draw you away from Me. I have given you many Words, through My Prophets, throughout this world. These are Words of Life, given to guide you, in this time of great darkness, great sin. Allow Me to guide you. I will not force you. I am asking you, in your free will, to allow Me to guide you through this time.

Yes, it seems as though I am a dead God, you cannot see My Power at this time but, soon, you shall for you have entered the 'Time of Justice' and the balance has begun to change. No more will I give lucifer the control to spread his lies. I will separate the wheat from the chaff, the good from the bad. Those who have chosen to follow Me will know Peace for all who have chosen to follow lucifer will

be no more, they shall be swept from the face of this earth for they are what pollutes My Creation with their evil ways.

These are harsh Words, children, when you look at them from a human point of view but, when you look at them from a point of view of Truth, they are Words given to help you to decide whether you want to live for eternity, in Heaven, or, in hell. If you want to live for eternity in Heaven, you shall die to self and you shall fight against the sin in your lives and you shall stop justifying sin for sin has no part in My Kingdom.

If you choose the path of sin, then you shall reside for all eternity in hell where you shall curse Me and curse all those around you in your anger and your pain but, this decision is yours, it is up to you to choose where you wish to reside, I will not force you.

Stop justifying sin; you cannot call yourself a follower of Mine when you are living in a life of sin. Wake up and see the Truth, when you live a life of sin, you are walking to hell in your free will, where in your anger you shall curse Me for not accepting your sin. These are Words of Truth and they are Words of Life. The decision is yours to believe or not to believe.

I Love you.

Tuesday 20 August 2024

My children, My Love for you is great and I will overcome the darkness that now attacks this world. Trust Me, the age of lies is now coming to an end and mankind will know Freedom, once

again. I will look after My own and guide My remnant to the Freedom I have Promised.
Trust Me, children, and prepare.
I Love you.

Wednesday 21 August 2024

My children, have faith in Me and believe that I will fulfil all My Words. I have not forgotten all My Promises and all will be fulfilled. Look around you and watch My Words being fulfilled.

Look and see, children, if you are willing to take the time, you will see My Words, as many are coming to pass, in this time.

I Love you, children, and I need you ready for the time is so short and you are not prepared. So many of you read these Words but do not perceive what is happening. Trust Me. Remove the sin that blocks you and see the Truth.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Thursday 22 August 2024

Have faith in Me, children, and do not let doubts take you away from Me. I am not slow to act, in the way you think, rather, it is that your lives are so short and, for that reason, you think I am slow to act. I will give all a chance to decide who they wish to follow.

Lucifer has hidden himself from this generation through lies. It is his lies that has made this generation believe that he, and, I, do not exist and, those that say we do, are frowned upon as being simple or delusional. This is the Truth; even within My Church so few truly believe. So many

say they are My followers but, in truth, they do not believe I exist.

So, be patient and read the signs of your times and make ready for all has begun and all is changing before your eyes. The more sin you remove from your lives, the more you will see and understand.

Trust Me and make ready.

Trust.

I Love you.

Friday 23 August 2024

Come to Me, children, and allow Me to be your Guide. Allow Me to show you the wonders of My Kingdom. When you come to Me in Truth, your sight will begin to clear. Allow Me to Teach you the Truth.

Come, children, follow Me.

I Love you.

Saturday 24 August 2024

My children, look around you and see how this earth has fallen into darkness. See how mankind has grown cold and no longer loves his neighbour but all only look out for themselves.

I tell you the Truth, you now live in the days that were prophesied when the good will be sorted from the bad. The good will be lifted, whereas the bad will die in a storm of fire that will consume everything that mankind has created in his lust for power and greed.

Trust Me, children, for you are all but out of time; the last grains of sand are falling and My people will be given a voice. All will happen rapidly; this earth will be under the control of My Word.

I will speak through My Prophets and this earth will no longer be tore apart by greed and lies. Only those who try to follow Me in Truth will survive this time of trial. Trust Me and make ready. Trust Me.
I Love you.

Sunday 25 August 2024

My children, I say, again, it has begun: the time when I will reclaim what has been stolen through the lies that self has accepted. I will change all and My people will be given a voice.
I see all that has been done in secret and, now, I will undo the lies and My people will know Freedom. Trust Me, children, and be ready. I Love you.

Monday 26 August 2024

Have faith in Me, children, do not let the events of this world come between you and Me. Trust Me and allow Me to guide you through this time of great darkness. I will guide you to safe refuge. Trust Me, children.
I Love you.

Tuesday 27 August 2024

My children, trust in Me, your God, and walk with Me on this Journey of faith. The more you die to self, the more you will come to understand the Ways of your God.
Sin is what blocks the power of faith from revealing itself in your lives and, so, the power of miracles has disappeared from your society and My Church. Die to self and release My Power, through you,

back into this world. Trust Me and do as I say and all will change. Trust Me.
I Love you.

Wednesday 28 August 2024

Children of the Truth, I call you to walk forward with Me. Show that you believe by the way you fight the desires of self. Self is what leads you into sin, and, it is only by dying to self that you can truly know the Will of your God. Self is a block between you and Me and so must be removed in order for you to wield My Power and bring the Age of Miracles into being. Trust Me: fight, remove the blocks and see the Power of your God become real and manifest in this time. I will not step over free will, but, if you become My Hands, My Feet and My Lips then I will be able to heal this generation through you. When you do what I say, then others will see and follow your example and My Power will flow back into this world of darkness. Trust Me and do as I say.
I Love you.

Thursday 29 August 2024

It is only through denying self, its desires, that you will come to know the Truth. It is self that twists the Truth and so, you see so many examples of My Truth being twisted, which is a lie, into lies in this time.
Truth is Truth, it cannot be changed. You hear so many say that I will accept the act of homosexuality, abortion, adultery, living together as man and wife

outside being married, which is fornication, stealing from your neighbour: the list goes on, children, and, these are all sins and, I will not accept any of them as Truth. It is only the desires of self, that you give freedom to, that accept sin as truth. You have no protection from Me when you live a life of sin for, in your free will, you block Me and so I must watch as so many of My children walk the road to hell while saying they follow Me. Open your eyes, children, and remove the sin from your lives and you will see the Truth and become a true follower of Me, your God. Trust Me, children, and, come, walk this Journey with Me.

Trust Me.
I Love you.

Friday 29 August 2024

Have faith, children, have faith in Me, your God. I have not forgotten you. I will not forsake you. Trust Me, children, and call upon Me in truth and I will help.

Trust Me.
I Love you.

Reflection by the two Patricks Dying to self

We have now come to the point where we must decide who we follow and stop lying to ourselves. So many of us say we are followers of Jesus, yet, we accept things into our everyday lives that are sins. I will not start listing the things that are sins for we all know within our hearts what is sin. It is ourselves who choose to ignore

that we are sinning. As Jesus says, within these Messages, it is only by dying to self that we will be able to see the Truth and release His Power into this world.

It is a conscious decision that we must make to walk this Journey with Jesus and begin to walk the road of dying to self. It will be difficult for self will complain and justify all our sins for self does not want to give up those parts of our lives that we have given over to sin. It is time to look into our lives. We, the two Patricks, believe we are all but out of time, that Jesus is doing something on this earth that mankind is not prepared for. We say: make ready! We are all together in this Journey of Truth; we need to be willing to help one another succeed.

Prepare, prepare, prepare!



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APPEAL

THIS APPEAL IS INDEED URGENT BUT WE MUST ALSO ASK YOU TO REMEMBER YOUR HELP WITH

THE CONTINUAL DAY TO DAY COSTS OF THE HOUSE OF PRAYER HERE AND THE BILLS THAT NEED PAYING. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE TO OUR APPEAL, PLEASE INCLUDE A NOTE STATING "FOR ROOF APPEAL." THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



We thank Jesus, and all of you, that through your prayers and kind donations we now have the total of the estimate for the France roof and will be able to pay for that when the work is done, hopefully in the first part of the New Year. We will update you when it is complete. At time of going to print the roofer is in the process of securing the tiles and doing what is necessary with the roof to hopefully make it safe for the winter.

The work needing done on all the Houses is, as you can imagine, never ending but we are trying to work through each House as best as possible. We need to do all urgent repairs as needed and then move on to more cosmetic things. The House of Prayer in Belgium has just been visited and it too needs repairs to the roof along with a wall that needs replaced as it was causing damp to enter a neighbour's home. The cost of





this necessary work will be in the region of £8,000. We have included some photographs of the Belgium House and they may give you an idea of work needing done.

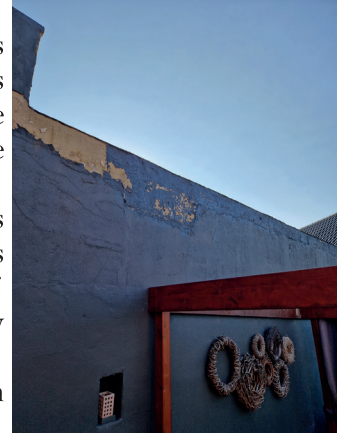
After this is sorted, we need to start looking at continued work needing done in Cosío, Germany, Poland and the Houses in

Ireland.

We will keep the appeal open for all House repairs and just ask that you please continue to support this work with your prayers, sacrifices and finances. We cannot do anything without your support, and we are deeply grateful.

Amid all the work needing done to prepare Jesus Houses of Prayer we will continually have the costs associated with keeping the Sacred Heart House of Prayer up and running and we must as always rely on your help with that.

We are sincerely thankful for your unfailing trust in Jesus and His great Plan for His Houses of Prayer.



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Sincere thanks for your continued support.

Writing from the two Patricks

TO HEAR AND ABSORB A MESSAGE

A Message comes, we are immediately sorry and want to change our ways. A Message goes, we are immediately placed back in our blindness, by self.

We have forgotten Him, who is All. We are nothing and do not deserve anything from Him because of our infidelities against Him, our betrayals, our lack of love for Him.

When we hear the Word of Him, who is Good, should our hearts not burn within us, a burning desire to change because of Him? They should.

His Word should change us like dry, parched land when water falls on it. It changes. The land becomes capable of what it was not capable of before: it could not grow anything, it could not produce life in its dry, parched self. When the rain falls on it, it changes, becomes renewed, becomes different because of the rain.

The dry, parched land is like us before we hear the Message, we cannot change, we do not wish to change. The Word comes, like the rain, it gives us what we had not, before it came, it gives us everything we need to change, to renew, to become capable of

change, as the water does when the rain falls.

If the ground is stony, it is not capable of change as when self controls a heart.

To the stony heart, the rain wets it, it feels the call to change, to be pliable but will not allow it to penetrate it. The rain soon dries in the sun of self and change can no longer take place in the stony ground.

This is how our hearts behave when we hear a Message. We hear it, feel it and know it because a Message brings all these things with it, in its pure Grace. It renders us capable of becoming renewed, of producing new life within ourselves. It gives us a new attitude to become better, to absorb the Grace that will make us different, renewed, filled with the things that we need to do the work that Jesus asks of us. We are Graced.

The ground that is open to the rain, soon finds itself producing many new plants, not the weeds and rootless plants that we think are the change in us. The rain or the Grace produces only good fruit that is in abundance.

Read this Parable:

3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.

4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.

5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,

6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.

7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 He who has ears, let him hear."

10 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

11 And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

12 For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

""You will indeed hear but never

understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive."

15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear,

and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

18 "Hear then the parable of the Sower:

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,

21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches

choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He

indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Matthew 13:3-23



The Sacred Heart House of Prayer first opened in February 1994, thirty blessed years ago. Some of the servants have written about their journey to the Sacred Heart House of Prayer. We will print these throughout our Newsletters this year. Here is another one:

WORK FOR JESUS

Retreatants are coming to stay at the Sacred Heart House of Prayer for our big weekend to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and I got the little task of freshening up Saint Clare's Bedroom in Saint John of the Cross Accommodation Block for our guests.

I felt such a joy when I was doing this task. It is not often I am upstairs in the Saint John of the Cross Accommodation building and the Presence of Jesus is so strong and beautiful. I felt so close to Jesus. This isn't my normal job at the House of Prayer and when I routinely come in and head to my post, I don't see the forest for the

trees, it takes getting out of what's normal to do to see Jesus at work. I thought to myself what an amazing place this Sacred Heart House of Prayer is. It came to my mind the time when I first came here, I was a teenager. Do you remember the characters 'Kevin and Perry'? Well, that was me! If my parents asked me to do something, I would have thrown a wobbler, I would have lain down on the floor protesting, crying out how I was not their slave. It was through the House of Prayer, reading in Scripture about investing treasure in Heaven - not on earth - and reading about the humility of Saint Francis that I learned to work for Jesus.

Answer to my prayers

This morning as I mopped the floor in Jesus' House, to make ready for the children He was sending, I thought how this place was truly the answer to my prayers when I was beginning to love Jesus and grow out of my 'Kevin and Perry' ways. The Way of the Sacred Heart is like being in a convent or

monastery and, because it is a lay community, you can be married and have children. It is like having the best of both worlds.

It is a place where I can work for Jesus voluntarily, for the salvation of souls, investing in Heavenly Treasure. The work is fuelled by and coated with prayer and our love of Jesus. We stop our work when the bell rings, the Voice of God calling us, and we come together for Community Prayer in the Prayer Room, where Jesus resides in the Blessed Sacrament. Many little flames, making one great fire, come together to worship Jesus and pray for the world. We have a community of brothers and sisters who love Jesus and want to do what He wants. This can bring its own challenges too, especially when they tell you that you need to do things Jesus' Way not your own. This can be annoying at the time but, with the Grace of God, we eventually see the Truth, beyond our own blindness.

There's nothing that beats the feeling of Jesus' Joy when you do something for Him. We can never out-do His Generosity. He fills our heart with consolations, His Sweet Presence. As I work for Him, I think of all I know who are in need of prayer and sacrifice and I commend them to Him. When I leave, I am duty bound to bring His Love to others. I have been filled with Jesus, now I can quench the thirst of all those I encounter, by loving them.

Constant combat

It is a challenge to keep Jesus in

my heart at home and outside the House of Prayer and it can be a fierce battle to even get back to the House at times because there is always so much put in our path to take us away. We are in constant combat with self, the world, the flesh and the devil.

Reach out

As well as reaching out to those I meet, I would like to reach out to you, too, who read this. You should come here, to the Sacred Heart House of Prayer. There is always little jobs to be done, something suitable for every capability. If you cannot come here to Cookstown, is there anything you can do in your community, your parish? Could you begin a Message Group? Is there a Legion of Mary you can join? Do you know of anyone in need around you that you could visit, someone sick, bereaved, lonely, imprisoned, hungry, thirsty...? There is always someone in need of love and healing, Jesus will put someone on our path to reach out to, if we seek this.

Jesus continuously fills us in prayer for free and when we work for Him for free, He can do so much. Let's redouble our efforts in these final days and gather as many souls as possible. God, Bless our efforts!

Love and service

This has been the primary lesson since the springing up of these Houses of Prayer, thirty years ago: use the Graces we receive at Mass and prayer to love others, truly extending ourselves out to them. I found it sad when I heard

that most sacristans, musicians etc., are employees of the Church now and they receive a wage for their service. We have somehow lost our love and service to our God. We can so easily be greedy and selfish and fail to see the spiritual value in giving of our time, talent and treasure to Jesus, without counting the cost.

Well of Love

We forget so easily that everything we give Him, He will use it to the full and He will never forget it. I have no doubt that Jesus has set up these Houses of Prayer to make up for that loss of giving in the institution of the Church – the loss brought about by so

many monasteries, convents and churches closing down.

Let's take advantage of all the tools Jesus has bestowed us with to repair the damage caused by our sins so that we can help many into Heaven.

Again, I say to you, come here to the Sacred Heart House of Prayer, come and drink from this infinite Well of Love, this fountain that spews and floods out of the Heart of Jesus. Don't be put off if you have a young family, you can come here with your children and experience the Love of Jesus. It is bursting out of Him, He yearns for you, every day that you live.

Crucified Love



The front cover this month is of an image of Crucified Love. Jesus spoke of His Crucified Love way back in 1999. As part of our celebration of thirty years of the House of Prayer, we have included a reflection written by the Patricks in 1999 followed by a Message from Jesus in this Newsletter.

Crucified Love

Crucified Love appears etching its power filled Light upon the world, already sodden in sin. The newness of it creates a ripple of Light upon the gloom and the sweet smell of Victory arouses joy

in the hearts of those who behold it. The Light of Jesus pours forth into the vision and blinds the power of evil that endeavoured to quench it. The fire that arose – volcano like – from the uppermost part, highlights the emaciated Heart, showing the scars within it that spilt out long and agonised Suffering and a Pain that reached backwards to the beginning of time and forwards to its end. The Light is the Love that spent itself upon the Cross and emerged Victorious and exalted on the third day, proclaiming power over death

and darkness and revealing to the world the Symbol of the Triune Gods Love; the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Crucified for our transgressions, He bore the price and became forever the manifold expression of the Father's Love. Still burning for us is the Heart of Jesus, as seen in the new Image given by Him. The rich symbolism of it shows clearly the Victory that Jesus won and, will win, in this era that we live in. It is a Symbol of great hope; given amid the power of evil and heresy that stalks the very faith that we possess. Its hope is the Victory of the Cross.

The devil's wiles

I believe that Jesus gives many signs to us in these days, to add and to embellish the faith that we have and, to alleviate the pressure of the open attacks of satan – which are legion in these days.

While we await the Promises of Jesus, given to many Prophets, Seers and Visionaries, the devil's wiles seem to have taken over our very children; tearing them away from the faith that we, as parents, have nurtured and fed to them. he is like a thief that comes for our most prized possessions and leaves us bereft and desolate. he uses the lure of the bright lights, the sensuality of sex, the false utopia of drug-crazed states and the pursuit of

money and pleasure to woo them from the Bosom of what we hold dear and precious. Like a tornado, he has confused and enchanted many from the narrow Path onto the wider, easier road, that exudes the perfume of pleasure that is so pleasing to many today. And, it is ironic to note that, he is allowed to do it; for we have allowed the celebration of the Victory of the Cross to wain within us and this is the very substance of the strength of satan.

Poignant Victory

This Image of poignant Victory, bathed in the resplendent Light of God, is presented to a troubled mankind, to impregnate the Love of the Sacred Heart and to combine it with the Cross of Love. It does not diminish the already given symbols, but, rather, enhances and reiterates the devotion pertaining to them. The culmination of these is the Symbol of Conquest; ever-

present and ever-gestured, by a God whose Love is inebriated with Passion, who confers upon us His Love at every turn, laced with the Forgiveness of our sins.

It is the 'helmsman' of all 'little souls' that Jesus has called to His Side to be the foot soldiers of His Army. To pierce the ever-unfolding darkness is the work of these souls; a walk forward into the very jaws of the lion to save



the souls entrapped there, by their simple love and kindness. The very act of going out to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and give the thirsty a drink is Love. It is the Blood that fills the Chalice, wrought and given to such as these, to be the food and clothes and drink of many.

A God of Compassion

Our God, is a God of Compassion: a still, small voice crying in the wilderness of many voices. His is the Voice that cries, 'Love one another', in the midst of the war in Kosovo, in the brokenness of emerging peace in Northern Ireland; on the streets of the great cities of the world, where satan reaps havoc in unemployment, drugs, prostitution, abortion; in the foibles (*imperfections*) of scientific research and to His followers of this day and age.

Behold the Symbol of Hope

Behold then, if you will, the proffered Symbol of Hope and allow it to penetrate into the cobwebs and dust of our faith. Allow it to impress, once again, the Love of God in this world that is so sorely needed in these days of bloodshed and hypocrisy. Become, at last, what this Symbol cries out: Love. Abandon riches and wealth and seek instead the poverty of spirit that is the result of Loving Him, that is the result of this Crucified Love.

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Message from Jesus about His Crucified Love:

Monday 7 June 1999

Children, it is I, your Sacred Heart,

calling to you in the shadows of evening before the night touches you. Let you feel the strength of My Love penetrate you in these Words, sent from My Heart to your heart in this Month of Love. I chose this time to give My Most Sacred Heart as a Sign of My Love, so that it could be a time of renewing of Love in your lives.

In this time, I show you too, its Sorrow. My Heart is nailed to a Cross as a Sign to you that I still Love you; that I still wish mankind to turn away from his sin to follow Me. Crucified Love is given to you from My Heart to your heart to demonstrate fully, the Love that I have for you. My Love is nailed to My Cross in these days of darkness. I show you that I would be willing to be crucified again and indeed, I am Crucified for you.

Look at this Image that I give to you. The Light that you perceive is the torrent of Love that My Father wishes to convey to the world through Me. My Heart is emaciated, yet fully alive in Its Work of Loving mankind; it is Crucified and tortured for its Love in these days. Look at the Blood that pours from it, filling the chalice to its brim! it is My Love, poured out again and again and again for Love's Sake. My Cross is Love, willing to die for you.

Children, what more can I give you but a 'Crucified Love' to bring you to your senses and to show you how necessary it is for you to give love for Love.

I Love you, from this Heart to your heart.

"They Say One Thing, but We See Another"

What's more important?

David Toribio was 25 years old when rumors started to spread about what was happening to four little girls in his hometown, San Sebastián de Garabandal. He had amazing experiences in close contact with the girls as he protected them, along with other young men from the town, from the curiosity and shoves of the crowds. But he also suffered mockery and derision from those who considered the events in Garabandal as "a little girls' game." "Garabandal wasn't 'in fashion,' people didn't care about it. If someone really believed, he didn't dare say it because there was such strong antagonism."

The young men talked among themselves without understanding the causes of the storm unleashed by what was happening in their town. David remembers that they said to each other, "Why are the newspapers publishing all this?"

What's more important?

The people who say they know what's going on don't understand anything!" One day, one of the young men asked, "What's more important? What we see with our own eyes or what these people say and write?" The others replied, "No, come on! What we see is

much more important!" The first responded with all the logic of the world, "Ah, so they say one thing, and we see another."

Inexplicable things

And what did they see in the village? What did David Toribio see when the girls went into ecstasy? They saw so many inexplicable things... Something impressed David one day as he walked beside Conchita, who was in trance. He had heard other people say that when they touched the girls in ecstasy they experienced a strange sensation. That day, David wanted to touch her, at least with his fingertips, but he did not dare. "I mean just seeing them, you knew... And I touched her like this, very softly on her arm, and it was as if... Oh! Amazing! Yes. Incredible."

They walked backwards

Among the many things that have been engraved on David's memory



is a day when the four girls went up to the Pines in trance. All the people went up with them. "Looking at the pine where the statue of the Virgin Mary is now, at a certain moment, they took a step back, and another step, and another, and another... And they walked backwards all the way to the town. But there is a rock in that place, about three meters high, and they walked down backwards." Those who have been to Garabandal fully understand David's surprise. The town of San Sebastián de Garabandal is right in the landing of a mountain that the locals call "Jormazu", in the Mountain range of Peña Sagra. Even higher up the side of that mountain, through the "Calleja" (a stone path), you can reach the Pines. The topography of the area is such that the Pines are on another small landing, which rises like a balcony over the rest of the land, on an abrupt slope. A steep path meanders along each side of that "balcony". But the girls did not use the path. They went down backwards in a straight line towards the village, in spite of

the very steep slope. "It's totally impossible," says David. "The rest of us had to go down either side, we couldn't go down with them. It was impossible!"

Witnesses

The people who were in the Pines accompanying the girls rushed down the path. Surely some expected to see the girls rolling down the hill... But no. Once again, the impossible became possible in Garabandal, and once again we are unable to find a reasonable explanation. David continues, "Surely, Our Lady did these things (they happened more than once) so that we would see some part, but not everything. How did the girls get down there? No one saw it. Someone brought them down. Someone. If not, it is impossible. It's three meters straight down." David insists, "In these details, the Virgin did not want us to see everything. We saw the most important thing or maybe something, but how did they get down there? It was the Virgin Mary who brought them down, or St. Michael, there is no doubt about it. If not, it would have been impossible. I mean, we young men, had to go down on either side!"

This is what the witnesses tell us. Those who were not there, however important they may be, what can they say or write if they do not listen to the witnesses?

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Seven Sorrows & Seven Joys

Our Lady of Sorrows

More and more these days my thoughts think on how Jesus is truly a Man of Sorrows or even the Son of Sorrows. I have always had a love for Our Lady of Sorrows. I find it easier to mediate on these mysteries more so than the other mysteries. Thinking about Our Lady's' Feast Day approaching on Sunday 15 September during prayer one day, I thought a lot of Marys Seven Sorrows and how I don't know a lot about her seven Joys. I was intrigued and so tempted to look them up but stayed in prayer still pondering. Then I thought of Jesus and if He has seven sorrows. I know He has the five sorrowful mysteries in the Rosary but I meditated on what the other two could be? Then I wondered if He had seven Joys too, what would they be? I talked to Him and went through all the stories that are familiar to me in the Bible. My conclusion with an extended prayer time as I got carried away with a few debates were these:

Seven Sorrows:

1. Forty days in the desert
2. Judas' betrayal
3. Garden of Gethsemane
4. Scourging at the pillar
5. Crowning with thorns



6. Carrying of the Cross
7. Crucifixion and Death

Seven Joys:

1. His baptism by John the Baptist
2. The calling of the Disciples
3. Conversion of Mary Magdalene
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Teaching of the Our Father
6. The Last Supper
7. The Resurrection

Son of Sorrows

To my amazement, when I researched there are no known or recorded Seven Sorrows or Joys of Jesus, but there are for Mary and Saint Joseph. I thought this sad because, if you take the time yourself to think on what Jesus' Sorrows and Joys could be, it truly is an eye opening experience to His emotions, how we ourselves would feel if we had to suffer

these events and what we see as a Joy and if are we in submission to the Fathers Will as much as we are called to be, as much as Jesus truly was and is. Maybe Jesus' Seven Joys and Sorrows are interchangeable depending on the person He shares them with at a point in time. Maybe I would decide on different Sorrows and Joys for Him at another stage in my life. Whatever the case, I will never be able to not think of Him as anything other than the Son of Sorrows, our King of Love, who pines for a relationship with

each one of us so that His and the Father's Joy may be complete.

Monday 25 August 2008

"...I must Suffer the sorrows of all creation for I cannot turn My Back upon anyone, I must Suffer the pain of all sin for I am there as each sin is committed and must endure all that mankind throws at Me. My Path is straight, children, and it awaits your footsteps upon it for the joys that await you can never be explained in human words. Come with Me upon this Journey and let Me show you the Truth of your God. I Love you..."



Silent lamb

On the Feast Day for the King of Love, Jesus' Stations of the Cross with meditations were read. Something different always stands out to me each time I read or hear them. This time the emphasis was on Jesus being the 'silent lamb', even when tortured in the spiritual and the physical world, all through His Crucifixion, Jesus was silent with ever increasing Love for mankind. The Stations speak of the crowd present during the Crucifixion and call us to think how we play a part in pointing an accusing finger or adding the weight of our sin upon Jesus, our King of Love. For me, on this

day, this spoke volumes to me. I go to Mass but ask Jesus why He lets the lies be spoken from His altar? Why does He wait to intercede? Why does He take all the disrespect? Why do I have to witness things that I know cause Him Pain and, in turn, hurt me? This Station made me realise Jesus does it all for Love. Once again, He is subjected to being the silent lamb led to the slaughter within His own Church and still His Love remains. He never withholds it from us, it is free and abundant for ALL mankind, despite our sins, His Mercy offers a new beginning for everyone whatever our past actions. Instead of adding to

Jesus' Pain with all my demanding questions and misunderstandings, I want to be a silent lover in the crowd today. I want to thank and love Him for all the sacrileges He receives for Love of us, I want to spur Him on until it is finished, I want to pray with a wanting heart that truly desires the repentance of those who hurt Him most in their actions for they know not what they do and, I want to pray for patience, patience to accept that all things happen in The Fathers Time.

Faith and repentance

Just as it was hard for the disciples and Jesus' followers to accept His Passion when it happened, it is hard for us today to accept the constant hate towards Jesus and His legacy. For example, the Paris Olympics opening ceremony had no need to make reference to our King but, they chose to do so by making a mockery out of His Last Supper, which is the rock for the Holy Mass in which we get to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our King of Love. Let us pray for France and for all those involved or applauding this behaviour for, despite the hurt they cause Jesus and Christians around the world, Jesus Loves them, let us show our love to our King by praying for a return to the Faith and repentance for the transgressions against the Lamb who was sacrificed, the Man of Sorrows, our King of Love. Here is the part of our Stations that stuck me:

Second Station

Jesus is made to bear His Cross

We adore Thee, Oh Christ, and we
bless Thee

Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou
hast Redeemed the world.

The great burden of the Cross is placed upon You, Jesus, the burden of the sins of mankind. The great apostasy of this world is laid on Your innocent Shoulders, to atone and to cleanse an unrepentant mankind. Oh Jesus, You took this weight of the Cross unto You and You were like a lamb, led to the slaughter. You uttered no word of protest to Your innocence, nor did You blame anyone. Oh Jesus, I stand before You and try to feel the weight of the Cross that You carry. Let me, in this Journey of Compassion and Love, try to bear with You at least the weight of my own sins and to make reparation for the sins of my brothers and sisters in this world. Oh, Profound Love, I ask You to help me to bear my cross in this life, patiently and with love.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Jesus:

My children, this Cross was the burden of all mankind. I took it upon My Shoulder with joy in My Heart for I saw the day that you would be with Me in My Father's Kingdom. Although the burden was great, I was willing to die for your sins. Look always upon your brothers and sisters with the Love of My Cross; see what I have done for them. Desire, within your hearts, to help Me carry their burden. Always see Love. Love, Love.

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One step toward Him

Message Book one

I found out about Jesus' Messages of Love to the two Patricks and Saint Michaels House of Prayer through a friend who gave me Message Book One for a birthday present, about twenty-eight years ago. My friend had become very religious and had been to Garabandal in Spain where Our Lady had appeared to four young girls. She didn't stop talking about Mary and Jesus and I knew a transformation had taken place in her that I could not explain.

I already knew about Garabandal and Međugorje from my mother who had talked about the Apparitions and had given me a book called "A Light in the Darkness" about Međugorje. I think, at first, I was just interested in the sensationalism of the Messages, but I also believed them to be true. I had also seen video footage of the girls at Garabandal and I truly believed what happened there came from God.

He was with me

At the time, I was just starting to return to the Church, after a seven year absence, where I was more interested in going out to clubs and having fun. I had turned my

back on God during that time for selfish, worldly pleasures but I know He was with me through that time, gently calling me back.

My friend kept encouraging me and my sister and told us that there was a House of Prayer only ten minutes away from where my sister lived and they had a prayer meeting on a Wednesday night. We plucked up the courage to go one night and Tom, one of the servants there, welcomed us into Saint Michaels where we also met Margaret, Tom's mother and also a servant.

Any nerves quickly melted away and I felt very comfortable with Margaret and Tom. After the prayer meeting had finished, Margaret made us a cup of tea and gave us a slice of her famous homemade bread. She recounted the story of how she obtained Saint Michael's House with no money but, through the intercession of Our Lady and the Blue Rosary (the Novena Rosary of twenty-seven days petition and twenty-seven days thanksgiving). I have heard the story several times since and I don't think she has ever told it as well as that first time I heard it. I think she was guided specially

that night for us.

He took us as we were

Both my sister and I wanted to come back and we returned weekly for the Prayer Meetings. Not too long after that, Margaret asked us if we would like to take on the commitment to the Way of the Sacred Heart. I don't think I knew exactly what I was taking on and thought it was just a commitment to prayers. Jesus has taught us so much since then. I think He took us as we were, with all our faults and failings and gradually introduced us to the Rules, the Prayers and the Messages, a little at a time, so we were not completely overwhelmed from the start.

No turning back

It wasn't long before we met the two Patricks at Saint Michael's and then visited the Sacred Heart House of Prayer for the Sacred Heart Feast Day.

From that point on, there was no turning back. Jesus had convinced me of the Truth in His Messages and I didn't want to turn back to the life I had left.

Many years have passed since then and I know Jesus has been patient with me as I have been resistant to His Love and Graces many times. I have often doubted whether I should be a servant of the Way of the Sacred Heart as I have so much self within me that I have to battle with.

Encouraged

Jesus has encouraged and kept me going during these times of doubt through His Messages of Love. He has given us so much teaching

on dying to self. He wants us to have a personal relationship with Him, to get to know Him intimately. I know I still have a long Journey ahead but I know my Journey is nothing without Him.

Thank You, Jesus

I thank God that we took that plunge that day to visit Saint Michael's. We only need to take that one step toward Him, that one glance in His direction and He takes us by the hand and leads us. I don't know where I would be without the House of Prayer. I only know that it saved me from a path that was leading me away from Him and I am forever grateful that I changed direction.

I have witnessed many changes at the House of Prayer in Cookstown, including Jesus coming to the Sacred Heart House and residing in the Tabernacle in the Prayer Room just before lockdown in 2020; the purchase of many Houses of Prayer in Europe and the most recent changes here at Saint Michael's. Jesus is certainly working and wants His Houses ready.

Thank You, Jesus

I pray that I can also be ready and prepared for the next stage that Jesus has in store for us at the House of Prayer. Thank You, Jesus, for Your Love and Your Guidance in the last twenty-seven years. I pray that I can become the servant You created me to be through obedience to Your Will, loving Your children and dying to self. I love You.

The Plight of Others

THE UNSEEN PLIGHT OF THOSE AROUND US

No recovery

The plight that I write about here is not based on facts and figures, more on conversations I had recently with old school friends.

One of the friends has fostered a young child. The child has been severely abused, she didn't go into the details but said that we would not believe what this child has gone through. She went on to say that she, one hundred percent, knows that this child is going to end up in the criminal justice system. I thought, at first, this was a terrible attitude and I said to her but surely, with what you are doing with the child you can change that. She just said there is no changing it. At this point another of the friends who is a social worker told me that when a child is so severely abused between the ages of 0 and 5, their brain is actually damaged and they can't come back from that, there is no recovery, no cure for brain damage. She also told me that in ninety nine percent of these cases the child does end up in prison. At this point I remembered a Message that Jesus had given in 1997 when He said: "...When I look at this earth, I see so many souls chained to the evil one through his many vices that he has fed to this world. His voice

is louder than Mine because of this, and every day I must watch more, as they willingly chain themselves to these things. Many little children, the innocents, are not only murdered, but when they come into the world are abused and their souls are stifled and they cannot come towards Me because of another's sin. Children, the Pain in My Heart is excruciating. Help Me by doing what I ask. I Love you." *Saturday 21 June 1997*

Another thing that my friends told me was that an awful lot of the time you find that you are the case worker for a child and another social worker in the office will say yeah, I had her mother and another one will say yes, I had her grandmother. So it is like a vicious circle that is never broken. This made me feel so sad for these poor little ones who are so abused. I had often wondered what Jesus had meant by this message but, after talking to those friends, I understood a little better.

Domestic violence

Another issue that came up was domestic abuse and poverty. One of the girls there told us how she was from an abusive home and spent much of her childhood in womens' refuge centres. Obviously we did not know this

when we were growing up. She later, at a young age, had children and was also in a domestic violence situation, enabled because she thought this was normal. She talked about going into labour and not even having the price of the bus fare to get to the hospital. She talked about how difficult a time in her life that was, things that many of us can only imagine.

This also made me feel very sad because there was no one there to help her, to give a caring hand or buy some groceries or whatever she needed.

They need our love

These conversations made me so very aware that there are people all around us, our colleagues, our neighbours, sometimes even our friends, who need our help, they need our love. We have to ask ourselves are we blind to the sufferings of others around us? Jesus said on Wednesday 9 March 1994:

“...Tell My children to begin to love... Lift the veil from your eyes, little ones; lift the veil that you have placed there in order not to see the pain of your brothers and sisters. You, who know how to love, must love now. I have told you before how short that the time is, but you have not listened. Come, children, the fire is already lit; the time is already limited. Become smiles that have originated on My Lips. I encourage you now, this night, to stop walking and begin to run, for the evil one is lapping at your feet, so slow are you. Already the grey dawn of the last days are here...”

Stop and look

I said at the beginning of this plight that it was not based on facts and figures and its not, just on what people I thought I knew, told me years later. These conversations made me realise that there are people all around us, who need what we can give them through the Love of Jesus. Next time we are too busy (and I say this as someone who is too busy every day to see others) to stop and look and see the person in front of us, let us be aware that we may be the only person in their path that day to show the Light and Love of Jesus. People we meet on the street may be grieving, they may be in a dire home situation, they may not have the price of a loaf of bread, they may be depressed etc.

Remember this Message:

Friday 22 November 2019

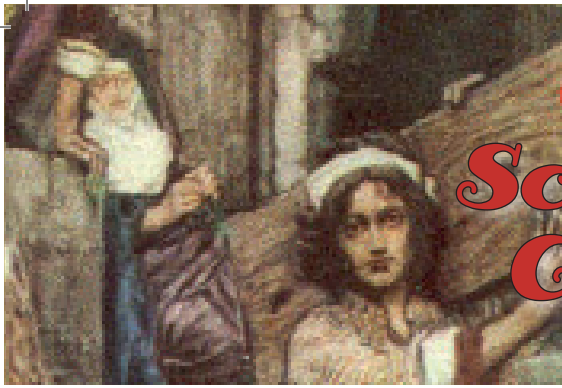
Trust in Me and forgive those who wrong you.

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.



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.

The land of Egypt continued to yield its fruit to Joseph and Mary and they felt that God's promise to them to return them to their own land would be soon. They lived in God in the Land of Egypt and they lived in his hope. They needed nothing else.

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Herod could feel himself weakening. He knew death was near for he could feel it breathing on him. Its long fingers reaching out to probe his weak body, he could feel it touch him and try to grasp him to tempt him into its embrace. Death was coming for Herod.

There were days when he felt guilt accompany death, as a cohort. All those whom he had killed directly or indirectly, came

to him more frequently in dreams. Mariamne would come to him in her seductiveness; touching him with her beautiful body; caressing him with her love. And he would give in to her charms and fall headlong into her arms until she would scream at him that he had murdered her, killed her on his whim. Her seductive fingers became accusing, pointing at him and she would not stop.

He would wake up screaming and in a sweat. Servants and slaves would run to him thinking that it was the madness come over him and he had to beat them off. His days were now spent in an endless round of trying to get off his couch, trying to stand and walk even a little way through his palace. The Romans came little these days unless he sent for them. They seemed to know that he was dying and stayed away. But he forced himself to get off the couch and had the servants carry him to where he wanted to go.

Lately too, there had been the demons who came to him when he was alone. They taunted him with his sins. They told him that, unrepentant and guilty, he was ready for them; he was ripe for their picking. With their long gaunt bodies laughing at him they

charged him full of fear and terror. He did not stay alone anymore. He called his wives and made them sit with him, hour after hour, until he had had enough of them and their prattle. He took whatever herbs were available to kill the pain or send him into a soft dreamy world where nothing mattered and the demons did not come.

His head was full of schemes to make them all pay. He was still suspicious of all around him but he did not have the energy to have them killed. He lived in a nightmare, a haunted, melancholy world that made him want death, even though he feared it and what might lie beyond it; at times like this all he wanted was cold oblivion.

The harvest in the Land of Goshen was plentiful that year. It was the third year of Joseph and Mary's exile. The Egyptian sun had tanned them and they were healthy and well. Looking now at the lush growth of their little plot to which they had added another one hundred yards square. With what they could sell of their produce and with the carpentry work they had been able to rent more land of Absalom and some of the profit that they made went towards the upkeep of the Synagogue. It was a small donation compared with some but it was all that they had. Absalom had insisted that they take all the land for nothing but they would not hear tell of it. They were standing in the workshop in the cool of the early evening. The

heady smell of plant life heavy in the air.

"But, Joseph, it is only a small parcel of land and it makes little difference to my land overall. You are a good man, Joseph, you have become like a son to me and what father charges his son rent on a small bit of land?"

"No, Absalom, I will not hear of it. A man cannot give land to the first stranger that just happens along. No. Absalom, we are grateful that you waited the first year for the first produce and until I became established in my trade."

"Joseph, I do not mean it as an insult but the rent of this acre of land makes little difference to my pocket and it is tucked away here in this corner. I would probably have forgotten that it was here until you and Mary chose it. I can do without the money. Take it as a gift then."

"Absalom, I have come to respect you very deeply. You have become a friend to Mary and myself. But if you insist in this I will hand the land over to you again and you will have to rent it out to someone else!"

"Ah you Nazarenes, you always had a reputation for your hard headedness. It is no wonder the Romans found Galilee very hard to conquer. All right, my friend, I will take your rent but I will take it begrudgingly from you. You Nazarenes drive hard bargains." The two men laughed and drunk from the cups of water that Mary had brought them earlier. It quenched their thirst.

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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*

Proclaiming the Word

40. To nourish ourselves with the word in order to be "servants of the word" in the work of evangelization: this is surely a priority for the Church at the dawn of the new millennium. Even in countries evangelized many centuries ago, the reality of a "Christian society" which, amid all the frailties which have always marked human life, measured itself explicitly on Gospel values, is now gone. Today we must courageously face a situation which is becoming increasingly diversified and demanding, in the context of "globalization" and of the consequent new and uncertain mingling of peoples and cultures. Over the years, I have often repeated the summons to the new evangelization. I do so again now, especially in order to insist that we must rekindle in ourselves the impetus of the beginnings and allow ourselves to be filled with the ardour of the apostolic preaching which followed Pentecost. We must revive in ourselves the burning conviction of Paul, who cried out: "Woe to me if I do not

preach the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16).

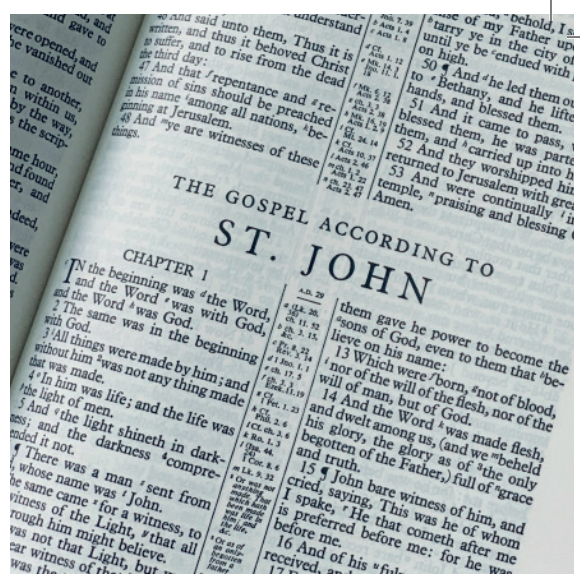
This passion will not fail to stir in the Church a new sense of mission, which cannot be left to a group of "specialists" but must involve the responsibility of all the members of the People of God. Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him. A new apostolic outreach is needed, which will be lived as the everyday commitment of Christian communities and groups. This should be done however with the respect due to the different paths of different people and with sensitivity to the diversity of cultures in which the Christian message must be planted, in such a way that the particular values of each people will not be rejected but purified and brought to their fullness.

In the Third Millennium, Christianity will have to respond ever more effectively to this need for inculturation. Christianity, while remaining completely true to itself, with unswerving fidelity to the proclamation of the Gospel and the tradition of the Church,

will also reflect the different faces of the cultures and peoples in which it is received and takes root. In this Jubilee Year, we have rejoiced in a special way in the beauty of the Church's varied face. This is perhaps only a beginning, a barely sketched image of the future which the Spirit of God is preparing for us.

Christ must be presented to all people with confidence. We shall address adults, families, young people, children, without ever hiding the most radical demands of the Gospel message, but taking into account each person's needs in regard to their sensitivity and language, after the example of Paul who declared: "I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Cor 9:22). In making these recommendations, I am thinking especially of the pastoral care of young people. Precisely in regard to young people, as I said earlier, the Jubilee has given us an encouraging testimony of their generous availability. We must learn to interpret that heartening response, by investing that enthusiasm like a new talent (cf. Mt 25:15) which the Lord has put into our hands so that we can make it yield a rich return.

41. May the shining example of the many witnesses to the faith whom we have remembered during the Jubilee sustain and guide us in this confident, enterprising and creative sense of mission. For the Church, the martyrs have always been a seed



of life. Sanguis martyrurum semen christianorum: this famous "law" formulated by Tertullian has proved true in all the trials of history. Will this not also be the case of the century and millennium now beginning? Perhaps we were too used to thinking of the martyrs in rather distant terms, as though they were a category of the past, associated especially with the first centuries of the Christian era. The Jubilee remembrance has presented us with a surprising vista, showing us that our own time is particularly prolific in witnesses, who in different ways were able to live the Gospel in the midst of hostility and persecution, often to the point of the supreme test of shedding their blood. In them the word of God, sown in good soil, yielded a hundred fold (cf. Mt 13:8, 23). By their example they have shown us, and made smooth for us, so to speak, the path to the future. All that remains for us is, with God's grace, to follow in their footsteps.

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Events to Come

Saturday
14 September
THE EXALTATION
AND TRIUMPH OF
THE CROSS
Prayers begin
at 12noon

Tuesday
1 October
FEAST OF
SAINT THÉRÈSE
OF THE CHILD
JESUS
Prayers begin
at 12noon

Sunday
6 October
HOUSE OF
PRAYER
CLOSED
FOR A PRIVATE
RETREAT

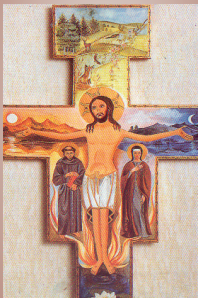
Monday
23 September
FEAST OF
SAINT PIO
Prayers begin
at 12noon

Wednesday
2 October
FEAST OF THE
GUARDIAN ANGELS
Prayers begin at 12noon



Sunday
29 September
FEAST OF THE
ARCHANGELS
Prayers begin
at 3pm

Friday 4 October
FEAST OF SAINT
FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Prayers begin
at 12noon

Tuesday
15 October
FEAST OF SAINT
TERESA OF AVILA
Prayers begin
at 12pm

FIRST FRIDAY
VIGILS
from 10pm - 2am:
4 October
and
1 November
2024



Wednesday
16 October
FEAST OF SAINT
MARGARET MARY
Prayers begin
at 12pm



Weekend with the Patricks

Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October 2024



Walk Against Abortion

On Saturday 12 October, gathering at 2.45pm



**ABORTION
"IS" MURDER**

Love Endures

I walk, unarmed
Into darkness and flame.
Into the unknown, dark battle,
Without weapons, without sight.
I whisper, my Lord and my God
How, without Your guidance?

Faith came, sure and silent footed
Saying, all is dark but I am dark,
I am truth that is deep within
A truth you know and love.

Hope, too, alighted fair and swift
And spoke on a breeze of blindness
I am truth, I am dark and deep within
I see beyond all things, beyond knowledge.

Love, sure and brightly lit, said,
I have walked this path for you,
Take Me and mingle faith and hope
And carry Me in your heart.

And now, only three remain,
Faith, to know beyond.
Hope, to see beyond,
And Love, the greatest, waits
Beyond the darkness and the flame.

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