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for those who can see it..."

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Editorial

A New Year

This Newsletter will reach you in the first month of our New Year. Far more than just wishing you all a 'happy New Year' as the world does, we want to use this beginning of the new year to redouble our efforts, to fight against our very selves, for Jesus' Sake, so that we become the army that He needs. And this encouragement is what we hope we have brought you in this Newsletter.

The Messages

Jesus Warns us in this month's Messages:

"...A New Year dawns; not a dawn that is associated with the coming light but one that dawns from darkness into darkness. The Light will come for those who can see it..."
Are we ready? Will we see that Light?

In His Words this month, Jesus reiterates that we must not listen to the lies of this world but only follow the Truth as He has taught it. We must ignore the false gospels of our age which will only lead us to death eternal.

Bella Dodd

Patrick came across a really interesting article about Bella Dodd. She was a communist turned Catholic who exposed the communist plan to infiltrate the Catholic Church and destroy it from within. The really scary thing is, most of what the communists had planned, has come to pass!

New Years Resolutions

Let our New Year resolutions all be for Jesus!! We wish you a spiritual New Year!

Christmas Draw winners

We wish to thank everyone for your kind response to our Annual Fundraising Draw. Your support is very much appreciated. The winners were as follows:

First Prize - £500 – *Justin Limban, Sandyford, Dublin*

Second Prize - £300 – *Bridie Coyle, Castlederg, Co. Tyrone.*

Third Prize - £200 – *Joe O'Connell, Mungret, Co. Limerick*

Fourth Prize – Original Photographic Print – *Carla Quinn, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone*

Fifth Prize – Family Bible – *Ossian McNeilly, Ballyronan, Co. Derry*

Sixth prize – Set of Message Books – *Frances McAteer, Portglenone, Co. Antrim*

Seventh Prize – CDs by Sonlight – *Sarah Kissane, Terenure, Dublin*

Eighth Prize – Sterling Silver Chain and Crucifix – *Adrian O'Callaghan, London*



The Messages of Love

as given to the two Patricks

Saturday 3 December 2016

Come to Me all you who labour and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest.

I will give you rest in My Heart from the trials of this world for, when you come to Me, you shall know that I am with you, that I am guiding you through this world and nothing shall hinder or stand in your path.

Believe! Have faith, trust in Me, My children, and We, together, shall overcome the darkness of sin that sweeps across this world like a great plague. Read the Words that I have already spoken and you shall see what I have spoken about as it comes to pass.

Trust in Me, My children, and ride the rapids that are ahead for calm waters lie at the end.

I am with you, My people. Do not think that I have deserted you even though you cannot feel Me or see Me; simply believe that you pass through the Cup of Purification.

Watch as this world begins to change; watch and see as mankind becomes confused as the things that he has believed in begin to crumble before his eyes. These things need not worry My followers for I have already Warned you, through My Prophets, of what would happen if this world did not listen to the

Warnings of its God.

Prepare, My children, prepare by dying to self, by rejecting the things of this world.

Come, follow Me and seek your rest within My Heart.

I Love you.

Wednesday 7 December 2016

Trust in Me, My children.

Believe in the Words that I speak for these are the Words that I give in order to guide you through this time of darkness. There are many traps laid for you in this time, My children, but, I say, believe only in the Words that I have already spoken and that are laid down in stone.

Do not listen to those who preach a false gospel of mercy, of love, compassion: a gospel where sin is ignored and accepted as truth for, I tell you, hell does exist and the wages of sin are hell eternal as I have already told you.

Believe in Me, children, believe in My Words, believe in My Commandments for I have not changed and nor will I change. Those who change are blinded by the lies of lucifer and so have been deceived into thinking that I am simply a God of Mercy, a God of Love and not a God of Justice. There can be no Love, no Mercy,

without Justice for Justice is a part of Love and also a part of Mercy.

And, the blood of the innocent calls out to Me, every second of every day for Justice, for what has been done to them by those who have listened to the lies of lucifer.

Wake up, My children, and see what is happening around you; the father of lies has blinded this world into accepting sin. The peoples of this world murder their own children in order to feed his lies.

Can you not see that you sacrifice your own children which gives him the power to blind your governments, My churches, My people?

Blind and foolish generation! Your days are numbered, your God approaches.

Wake up and see the Truth.

I Love you.

Patrick:

I can see what Jesus is saying in this Message. He is saying that we are blind to the Truth. We have been blinded by the lies of lucifer. Sex, self, has become our god.

Look around: sex is used to advertise everything. Where is morality?

What are the fruits of sex? Is it not for procreation, to have children?

So then, the more that lucifer can blind people into thinking that sex is the be all and end all of this life, the more unwanted children, the more sin of abortion he can produce, the more power he gets. It is like a never-ending circle that we are freely caught up in. We are feeding lucifer by our blindness, our unwillingness to see what is happening around us.

Saturday 17 December 2016

Believe in the Words that I speak for, indeed, these are perilous times that you now live in. If you do not stay close to the Path of Truth, My children, you could become lost to Me for all eternity.

There are many, many, wolves within sheep's clothing that have entered My Church and now preach a false gospel, a gospel of self indulgence. Be careful, My children, do not listen to these deceivers that would go against My Truth for they are heretics and blasphemers and the Day of Justice is falling rapidly upon them.

Believe in the Words that I have already spoken within My Gospels and do not stray from them. My Church has been infiltrated by those who have listened to the lies of lucifer and they have blinded many with their false love and their false mercy.

Wake up and see the Truth, My children, do not listen to their lies for their lies have already sent many of My children on the road to hell.

Woe to you who blaspheme My Truth from My altars!

Your blood shall be cast upon the earth and trampled underfoot for what you have done. Repent, now, for your days are numbered. Open your eyes and see My Truth!

Repent of your sin and come follow Me for I am about to reveal all the lies of lucifer to this world.

Repent, now, before it is too late.

I Love you.

Sunday 18 December 2016

My children, trust in Me and

believe in the Words I speak for the time you have now entered is a time of great danger when many will lose their eternal lives to the lies of lucifer.

Trust in Me and I shall guide you through to the Promised Land, a land of milk and honey, a land of Peace and Love. But, be careful, for there are those who will try to take you away from My Truth with a false truth that only leads to eternal darkness.

Trust in Me and believe I will guide you through this darkness as Moses guided My people through the desert.

Trust and believe in Me: die to self, fight the sin in your lives and follow Me in Truth.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Tuesday 20 December 2016

Trust in Me, My children, and believe in the Words I speak for I am about to reveal My Words to this world through My two and this world shall be given a chance to change its ways.

Believe, children, that I have been guiding you along this Path of Truth in order to prepare you for what will come.

Believe in Me and all My Words will be fulfilled in you and you will become a Warrior of My Love and, through you, I will guide many to My Side.

Believe in Me, My children.

I Love you.

Wednesday 21 December 2016

Trust only in Me, My children, and

do not fear for fear is your enemy. When you fear, you do not trust in Me.

Believe, My children, for I am in control. I allow many things so that mankind will eventually see My Truth. Trust in Me for there are many who refuse to follow Me and so choose their own path. These, will not be turned. Self, greed, lust, is their god and so blindness is their chosen path.

Do not look to ones such as these for they will influence you and lead you away from Me.

Trust only in Me and believe in My Ways.

Recognise those who will try to destroy My Truth for there are many. Even many of those who would call themselves My priests have given themselves over to this evil and try to deceive My people onto the path of self, that will only lead to hell eternal. They have allowed themselves to become blinded by self and so follow the ways of this world.

Trust Me, My children, and stay close to Me in these days of great darkness. Die to self, reject sin and come, follow Me in Truth.

Trust in Me, I Love you. Soon, now, all will change and you must be prepared.

Believe, My children, I am close.

I Love you.

Thursday 22 December 2016

Trust in Me, children of Mine, and believe in what I tell you.

Do not stray from the Path of My Light for you are in great danger in these times of great darkness.

Believe in Me and listen to the Words of Truth that I speak.

Fight against self for self will justify the lies of lucifer for self desires the things of this world.

Believe, have faith, die to self and you will see the Truth and you will become a Warrior of My Love, My Truth.

Trust in Me and walk this Path that I put before you and all will become clear.

Trust in Me.

I Love you.

Friday 23 December 2016

Believe in these Words for they are your lifeline in this time of great peril. My Words have not changed, children, there are many who would change the Words of My Gospels but, I tell you, I do not change with the times.

Sin is still sin, although many would try to tell you the opposite. Justification does not make a sin cease to exist. I tell you the Truth, sin only leads to hell if you do not fight against it for, the more that you allow sin in your lives, the darker the path will become until, finally, you will not be able to recognise My Truth.

Do not allow yourselves to be deceived by the deceivers.

Did I not Warn you that there would be many wolves in sheep's clothing?

Did I not send My Mother all over this earth to Warn you?

Look around you, children, many of My cardinals, My bishops and My priests have deserted Me and now follow the lies of lucifer and lead those I have placed in their care to

destruction.

Wake up, My children, and see the Truth!

See the times that you now live in and believe in the Words that I speak for a very, very, little time is left to you before I must strike this earth with My Justice. If I do not, mankind, in his blindness, will destroy all of My Creation.

lucifer has taken control and only wishes to destroy you, My children. I allow mankind to walk this path so that he will know never to walk this path again.

Wake up, My children, and pray for those who have been blinded, pray that they will allow My Grace to penetrate their hearts so that they can see once again.

Pray, pray hard for your brothers and sisters for so many are on the road to hell.

I Love you.

Prepare!

Tuesday 27 December 2016

Come to Me and do not fear what this world will think of you. You will be persecuted for believing in Me, this, I have already told you.

Believe, children, and do not be afraid to follow Me in Truth.

Do not worry what this world will think of you for I am with you and I am guiding you to the Gates of Heaven where you will know Love and Peace for all eternity.

Trust in Me, My children, die to self, reject the sin in your lives and you will become a Warrior of the Truth.

Believe, children, believe in what I say.

I Love you.

Wednesday 28 December 2016

Trust in Me.

Believe that I hear your prayers and I will answer.

Trust in Me, My children.

Trusting in Me is having faith, the stronger you believe in Me, the more I can Work through you. Having true faith is a gift that is worth sharing. Look at My Disciples, they only truly began to believe when they were Touched by the Spirit of My Truth, the Holy Spirit. This is open to you all if you are willing to make the Journey of dying to self. The more you die to self, the more sin becomes a reality and so, the more you will fight against it.

Trust and believe in Me and the tide will turn and this world will be given a chance to see. All it will take is one to become a spark and call upon Me in faith and My Spirit will give all mankind a chance to turn away from sin.

Believe, children, and become the spark that will change the tide.

Trust, believe, have faith in the Words I speak and all will change.

Trust in Me.

I Love you.

Friday 30 December 2016

Be enriched with My Word and My Words for this is your shield.

I am the Word and I am My Words: I am your Shield.

Shelter from the darkness of the self that keeps you from Me; shelter in My Light and you *will* have the eyes to see. My children, you cannot see in the darkness or in the world's

light; come into My Light. There, I will Teach you to see.

You cannot see the darkness for you are blind; you are blind because you do not wish to see the darkness. The eyes of those who love Me and do My Will are those who *can* see, those who *live* in the Light.

A New Year dawns; not a dawn that is associated with the coming light but one that dawns from darkness into darkness. The Light *will* come for those who can see it:

34 The light of thy body is thy eye. If thy eye be single, thy whole body will be lightsome but if it be evil, thy body also will be darksome.

35 Take heed therefore, that the light which is in thee, be not darkness.

36 If then thy whole body be lightsome, having no part of darkness; the whole shall be lightsome and as a bright lamp, shall enlighten thee.

Luke 11:34-36

A New Year dawns that will be a year of subtleties: a year that drains more of the Truth into the cup of lies: a year that, unless you can see, you will drink that cup.

My children, My Heart is a vessel of Love and this day I offer it to you. This day I call you away from the darkness and into the Light. I am the Light.

Friday 30 December 2016

Trust in Me, My children, and do not let fear control your lives.

Believe in Me and allow Me to guide your every footstep.

I am within every footstep you take.

I will not desert you, even if you desert Me.

Trust in Me, My children, and seek Me.

Come to Me, talk to Me and allow Me to fill your hearts with My Knowledge.

I am with you, I will never desert you.

When you talk to Me, this is prayer. Through prayer you will get to know Me. You will see your lives change if you walk with Me. Talk to Me and begin to remove the sin from your lives for this is dying to self.

Remember, self will always try to justify sin in order to live a selfish lifestyle.

Believe I am guiding you in these Words that I pour from My Heart.

Trust in Me and believe.

Come, walk with Me.

I Love you.

Friday 30 December 2016

My people, do not fear this time of My Justice. I do not come to punish My own, My Remnant. I come to cleanse the evil from your midst. I will not take those whom I need to fight this Battle of Love for Me for you will become My Soldiers of Love and Truth.

I will use you to reach out to those in need and many will be saved from the Fires of My Justice.

Mankind will come to know My Truth and will willingly keep My Commandments, My Laws.

Prepare, children, die to self, turn against sin for all sin brings darkness but all Love brings Light. Sin always has a price for it is darkness

and the darkness diminishes the Light but Love is Light and Light dispels the darkness.

See the Truth, sin blocks My Light from penetrating your hearts, your souls. The more you die to self, the more sin you will remove from your lives, the more My Grace, My Light will be able to fill you and the scales will fall from your eyes and you will see and understand the meaning of life on this earth.

Then Love will flourish from you and mankind will have a Warrior of My Love, My Truth in their midst. So, do not fear, you who would walk this Path with Me, for I will look after all those who have decided to walk this Path with Me.

Trust in Me, My people, and believe, prepare the Path for My Coming by dying to self.

I Love you.

Saturday 31 December 2016

Remember, all things are possible for those who are willing to believe in the Power of Love. I am the Creator of All and nothing is impossible to Me, children. Do not believe in the ways of this world, it is only full of empty promises. It cannot give you Life Eternal, only I can give you this.

Trust in Me, children, believe in My Ways, fight against the darkness. Have faith and anything will become possible for the one who believes.

Trust in Me.

My Words are Truth.

Look around you at this world: look at My Church. Have I not Warned you of the things that are happening now?

Believe, My children, and begin this Journey and a New Life will open out to you, a life of miracles where the Truth shall be seen in the deeds that are done in My Name.

Believe in Me, the One who Saves. Trust in Me, My children, and you will know the Truth of these Words.

Sin is darkness and darkness only leads to eternal death where those

who rejected Me in life will rage forever.

Hell is a place, children, and many, many, enter its gates every second of every day.

Trust and believe in My Words for I stand with open Arms and await your call.

Come.

I Love you.

The Prophecy of Bella Dodd

By Christopher A. Ferrara

Patrick came across the following article and shared it with the rest of us here, in the House of Prayer. We thought it so apt for our times that we wanted to share it with you all.

The current confusion

In light of the current confusion and moral scandal in the Church, it would be well to consider a neglected bit of recent Church history: the public testimony of Bella Dodd, who served as legal counsel to the Communist Party in the United States until her conversion to Catholicism, after which she spent the rest of her life atoning for her role in the communist infiltration of the Catholic Church.

Revealed the plan

An article in Christian Order magazine (November 2000) recounts how Dodd and her associate, Douglas Hyde, revealed the plan for communist subversion of the Church:

Ex-Communist

Ex-Communist and celebrated convert Douglas Hyde revealed long ago that in the 1930s the Communist leadership issued a worldwide directive about infiltrating the Catholic Church. While in the early 1950s, Mrs. Bella Dodd was also providing detailed explanations of the Communist subversion of the Church. Speaking as a former high ranking official of the American Communist Party, Mrs. Dodd said: "In the 1930s we put eleven hundred men into the priesthood in order to destroy the Church from within." The idea was for these men to be ordained and progress to positions of influence and authority as Monsignors and Bishops. A dozen years before Vatican II she stated that: "Right now they are in the highest places in the Church" — where they were working to bring

about change in order to weaken the Church's effectiveness against Communism. She also said that these changes would be so drastic that "you will not recognise the Catholic Church."

Communist infiltration

Dodd gave voluminous testimony on communist infiltration of Church and state before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee in the 1950s. In a lecture at Fordham University during that time, Dodd unveiled what would seem to be an uncanny prophecy of future chaos in the Church. The lecture was attended by a monk whose account of the talk is presented in Christian Order:

She had my hair standing on end

I listened to that woman for four hours and she had my hair standing on end. Everything she said has been fulfilled to the letter. You would think she was the world's greatest prophet, but she was no prophet. She was merely exposing the step-by-step battle plan of Communist subversion of the Catholic Church. She explained that of all the world's religions, the Catholic Church was the only one feared by the Communists, for it was its only effective opponent. The whole idea was to destroy, not the institution of the Church, but rather the Faith of the people, and even use the institution of the Church, if possible, to destroy the Faith through the promotion of a pseudo-religion: something that resembled Catholicism

but was not the real thing. Once the Faith was destroyed, she explained that there would be a *guilt complex introduced into the Church....* to label the 'Church of the past' as being oppressive, authoritarian, full of prejudices, arrogant in claiming to be the sole possessor of truth, and responsible for the divisions of religious bodies throughout the centuries. This would be necessary in order to shame Church leaders into an 'openness to the world,' and to a more *flexible attitude toward all religions and philosophies*. The Communists would then exploit this openness in order to undermine the Church.

Sound familiar?

Does any of this sound familiar? Unless you have been comatose since Vatican II, you would be aware that Bella Dodd was describing the state of the Catholic Church today. Today, post-conciliar churchmen wallow in guilt over the Church's "intolerant" past, make public apologies for the sins of dead Catholics (but not their own sins against the living faithful, including the victims of the homopriest cover-up), and extol the virtues of other religions, thereby de facto abandoning the defined dogma that there is no salvation outside the Church.

And lo, they have done it

Bella Dodd was no prophet. She merely told us what the infiltrators of the Church were planning to do. And lo, they have done it.



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SWINE FLU AT CHRISTMAS

Pregnancy

In the lead up to Christmas 2010, I had just found out I was expecting my third child. My eldest son, who was five years old at the time, had taken what seemed to be a bug and a bad chest infection. It wasn't like any ordinary bug and lingered on for a few weeks. Christmas Day arrived and my husband and little girl, who was four years old, also took sick. I couldn't believe we were all sick on Christmas Day! I took the turkey out of the oven and threw it in the bin. They all got antibiotics and recovered well but, about a week after Christmas, I took very ill. I was putting it down to the pregnancy but didn't remember being as sick before with my other two children.

Life or death

My family where getting concerned and got me an ambulance one morning. To cut a long story short, I ended up in hospital where they diagnosed swine flu! When the doctors realised in casualty that it was swine flu, I was immediately

quarantined and told I must take medication which was called Tamiflu. They made out to me that it was a matter of life or death. The fear and anxiety that came over me was unbelievable. I asked the doctor, 'What about my baby?' She very quickly told me, 'You need to think about your other two children at home!' At this point, I felt so vulnerable and so scared but, to me, the wee child in my womb was too important. I refused the medication and put my trust totally in Jesus.

The right decision

All my friends in the House of Prayer were praying for me and I gained great strength from the prayers. With the help of God, I started to get better and a few days later the doctor from maternity came down to visit me. I begged him for a scan but he couldn't risk it with the swine flu. He looked at my notes and saw that I had been offered Tamiflu in casualty but had refused it. He said 'You made the right decision, it was too strong a dose for you being pregnant!'

At my lowest

My son is now five years old and a healthy little Gift from God! I thank Jesus every day for him and my other children and for giving me the strength when I was at my lowest. I could never have had the

courage without Him.

Tuesday 4 October 2016

Trust only in Me, My people, and do not listen to the lies of this world.

Do not allow fear of the unknown to control you but, rather, trust in Me and believe that I am with you...



The Gift of Prayer

A renewed commitment

As a new year approaches, I am aware of the Gift of Jesus' Words to me in the Messages of Love. They are Words of guiding, Teaching, Love and Truth. As a servant of the Way of the Sacred Heart I want to enter this new year with a renewed commitment to personal prayer, my time given to Jesus, an hour each day.

Steal the Gifts

The world will try and steal the Gifts that Jesus has given to us like 'prayer,' in influencing us with so busy a lifestyle; of work, worry, stress, self that often everything comes before God. I have experienced beautiful moments in prayer, feeling the Presence of Jesus in my soul and His Love in me. Other times, I have struggled to feel His Presence and had to be content that I had given Jesus my time. In fact, prayer time has grown to become more about loving Him

than what I should receive.

The influence of the world

At times, I have allowed self to influence me and did not give Jesus my time in prayer, when this happens, I really would feel a difference, like running on my own whims, feeling empty of spiritual strength. When I am faithful to prayer time with Jesus, I can feel an inner peace, a spiritual strength, an awareness of the battle between the influence of the world or choosing Gods Way.

Beautiful relationship

For me, prayer can be simply coming before Jesus, just as I am, speaking to Him as a friend; then reading a Message, allowing Jesus to Teach me through His Words; spending time in silence, loving Jesus, thanking Him. Jesus, thank You so much for the Gift of Prayer, which you have Taught us, is our beautiful relationship with You.

"...Prayer is speaking, listening, understanding and yes, even laughing, being sad, for I am all these things..."

Wednesday 3 August 1994



The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

"How sweet is the name of Jesus: sweet as honey to the lips, a delightful melody to the ears, giving great joy to the heart."

-St. Louis de Montfort

We recently started to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus as a Day of Prayer at the House of Prayer. The following article from the internet explains the origins of the Feast and how Pope John Paul reinstated it.

WHAT IS THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

A Celebration of Christ's Name

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus is a Christian holiday observed anywhere from the first to the eighth of January, observing the naming of Jesus Christ on the eighth day of his life. It is a time to honor the revelation of Jesus' Name by dream to Saint

Joseph, and likewise the revelation of the same to Mary by the Archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation. Although officially eliminated from the liturgical calendar in AD 1970, it was later reinstated by Pope John Paul II as an optional day of memorial celebrated on January 3rd.

The Holy Name Itself

The Holy Name refers to the name of Christ, as revealed through divine intervention to Joseph and Mary. It is most often seen in emblem form as "I.H.S.", a Latin abbreviation of Christ's name. While the letters themselves are not considered intrinsically holy, they stand as a reminder of blessings received through Christ's love and mercy.

History of the Feast

The Feast of the Holy Name originated toward the end of the 15th century, celebrated between New Year's Day and Epiphany. In its older incarnations, the Feast was a celebration of Christ's naming and circumcision (Luke 2:15-21), and thus a memorial of the first shedding of the Lord's blood. In its modern form, it is considered to be the central feast of all the mysteries of Jesus Christ.

St. Bernadino

The greatest promoters of the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus were two Christian saints - St. Bernadino of Sienna and his disciple, St. John Capistrano. During the time of their ministry, they carried a monogrammed copy of the holy name beautifully painted on a tablet, with which they performed miracles and healed the sick. At the end of their sermons, they would ask the faithful to prostrate themselves before the emblem of Christ's name. They also began the practice of placing Jesus' monograms over gates and doorways. This behavior was considered slightly heretical at first, resulting in St. Bernadino being called before a papal tribunal for his actions. Capistrano, however, defended his master's practice so skillfully and successfully that the Pope, Martin V, allowed worship of the Holy Name, and even assisted in a procession of the tablet. The tablet itself has survived, and is now housed at the basilica of Santa Maria in Aracoeli, Rome.

Miraculous power

In spite of its removal from the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus continues to be an important celebration for Christians, especially those in the Western world. It is a time for reflection on the divine revelation of the name of Jesus Christ and the miraculous power for good it can inspire in his followers.

Written by: Bob Robertson

http://www.sharefaith.com/guide/Christian-Holidays/feast_of_the_holy_name.html

SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST

Here are some suggestions on how to celebrate the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Pope John Paul II has restored the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus to January 3. Also, the month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Directions

The Name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The Holy Name is all-powerful because of the Person who bears it. We honor it because of the command of Christ, that we should pray in His Name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians: "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). By means of this devotion we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name.

Reparation to Jesus

On this day you might incorporate into your prayers some special prayers of reparation to Jesus for the blasphemies against His Holy Name. The Church has granted an indulgence of 7 years for the recital of the Litany of the Most Holy Name. The feast of the Holy Name is a good time to explain the meaning of the monogram "IHS" to the children.

[Editor's Note: An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned. The Enchiridion of Indulgences issued on June 29, 1968, changed partial indulgences to be designated only with the words "partial indulgence," without any determination of days or years. A

partial indulgence still applies for recital of this litany. The Divine Praises is also appropriate. Also, a partial indulgence is gained by just invoking the name "Jesus." You could also teach your children the practice of bowing one's head at the name of Jesus. --JGM]

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=563>



The First Day of Love

The great Love

I recognised this and then became excited about writing because, for me, that first Day of Love was something so powerful that I would love others to feel the great Love that our Lord and Saviour pours out on each one of us, day and daily, calling us to Him to empty ourselves so that He can live in us, so that His Light can be seen in us.

A mixture of answers.

I asked other Habit members what immediately came to their minds when they thought of that first Day of Love and I got a mixture of answers.

One person said the number of people - there were so many, another said the Messages given on the Day, although the reality of the Messages was a bit scary also.

Another person said the music and singing touched them. Yet another

Battle with self.

When I was asked to write something for the Newsletter I immediately thought, 'I have written about this before,' that, of course, was the self in me! I didn't really want to, where was I going to get the time? I have shared this to remind myself that each day is a continuous battle with self.



said fear, joy, excitement and another said the Prayer of Commitment touched them.

Holy Spirit

The last person I asked said they felt the room was full of Angels and that, as the Patricks read the Messages given for that Day, he felt the Holy Spirit present.

So easily

The first Day of Love, to me, came about so easily. There had been some mention of trying to get a place to hold this Day of Prayer which Jesus had been asking for through the Messages of Love. I did have a thought of a small local hall and I mentioned the possibility to the Patricks. They had said, 'try this and see.' Practically a day or two afterwards, I was about to cross over the street in the local village and there, beside me, was a gentleman I had been told was one of the people I needed to speak to for permission to use the hall. I asked him and he said leave it with him. He came back with a 'yes' and the Day of Prayer was arranged and worked out from there.

Without a second thought!

I was nervous about this Day of

Prayer, it was not a normal sort of thing for me. I stayed well down at the back of the hall and, truthfully, I remember thinking to myself, when I saw all the people throwing their arms in the air and singing and even nearly dancing 'well, I'm glad I'm back down here and I have some sense.' I can tell you that many years later now, twenty-two this January 2017, my arms go in the air without a second thought!

The beginning of a journey

The one thing that spoke to my heart that day were the Messages Jesus and Mary gave. The Messages of Love speak to our hearts if we allow them to do this. I know that first Day of Love was like the beginning of a journey for me.

I would encourage anyone who has never been to a Day of Love, if they can to come to the next one, to come and experience the Love of Jesus, the Graces, the Blessings which are given freely to all of us. There is no charge.

I do not say this for the sake of having a good feeling or to make people feel good. There is something so much deeper in the Love of Jesus, a Love that speaks, Heart to heart, Soul to soul. Perhaps the best way to explain is to share the very first Message given:



Friday 23 November 1990

This Message came to me through a great longing for God. There was no warning, just a great overwhelming feeling that I had to write

Within My Heart there stands a well, a well so deep that no bucket can be dropped to its depth. It is a well of Love. To you, who wish to seek this Love, must find, within himself, the source that carries him to Me. The Love that is there is incomprehensible to man, but in your search for Me - for that Light that grows within you - search, My children. I Died to show you what My Love consists of. Fly,

fly to Me and let Me show you these things. The longings within your breast that drive you to Me - it is I, My child, knocking at the door of your heart. I, too, long to live in you, just as you long to be with Me. Feel Me within you now. Feel the passion that grows there, for it is My Love. I can give you freedom, My children, from the ways that the world shows you. Come to Me, for I long to take you away from this ruin that you set yourselves up in. Come, let Me free you from your worries, your worthlessness. I long, I yearn for you every day that you live.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Jesus, my Lord and my God, take my hands and use them as Your own. Use them, sweet Jesus, to bind up my brothers' wounds, so that in turn I might bind up Yours. Take also my feet, that You might walk in my footsteps, to travel this world, bringing Your Gospel of Love to all Your children, so that they might see Your Love. My lips, Lord, are Yours, that they might tell, by every word that I speak, of how You Died on the Cross so that all could be Loved. By means of this little prayer, My Jesus, I, from this time forward, belong to You. Amen.

Garabandal Pilgrimage 2017

Thursday 15 June to Wednesday 28 June - Thirteen nights

Including: Paray le Monial, La Salette, Lourdes, four nights in Garabandal (option of staying in Garabandal or Soledad House of Prayer) and one night in Saint Maximilian House of Prayer in France. We will be travelling, as usual, by mini bus. More details to follow next month. This is a non profit pilgrimage. For more information please contact the Sacred Heart House of Prayer.





Song of the Carpenter

'Song of the Carpenter' is a novel inspired by Jesus and written down by the two Patricks. It is about the entire Life of Jesus and is full of spiritual teachings as well as being a simply fantastic read. The characters are really brought to life for us in this age and we can learn much from them. We have decided to serialise this book for the Newsletter and will print a little of it each month. If you cannot wait to read it all, then you can order it from the Sacred Heart House of Prayer. It costs £6.99. This is the second instalment.

The priest stood before the Holy Place. He intoned the prayers that echoed through the chamber that he stood in. He had entered this place alone leaving Shobek and Simon, the assistant priests, outside. The short walk to the curtain had seemed a long one, wrapped in honour, as it

was.

“Oh Sovereign Lord,” He called upon his God, and centuries of priests from Aaron called with him, coalescing to make this sweetest of offerings to the abiding presence that dwelt here. “I call to you; come quickly to me. Hear my voice when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice...”

The prayers returned to him as they bounced off the thick marble walls that were the Temple of the Most High God. The perfume of the incense clung to the great Temple curtain that separated God's Sanctuary from the world of men. Its smoke billowed forth upwards as it burned within the brass bowls that held the burning coals, to mingle with the prayers and be carried to Heaven by the Angels who stood to keep guard over God's Holy Place, where He dwelled among men. Its pungent aroma wafted around him and lodged itself in his nostrils. This was the most beautiful and expensive offering to the Most High and its fragrance was pleasing to Him.

The Golden Altar, at which the priest stood facing the great veil of the temple, was shrouded with age and holiness like a clouded summit.

Many before him had stood here since Moses had brought the word from the Most High on Sinai.

A torch near him spluttered and went out leaving him in partial darkness. He heard the footsteps echo behind him as a priest went to replenish it with oil and relight it. He did not flinch from the incantation of prayers. He continued to address his God with the words that were used for this Sacred Ritual, for he, at that moment was the mediator between God and His people.

Zechariah was a holy man and had been a priest for many years. He served in the Abijah section of the priesthood. Out of twenty-four sections of the priesthood it was the turn of the Abijah to take its fortnight in the Temple in Jerusalem, performing the rites that the Most High required. Each priest was given responsibilities. It was the privilege and the turn of the Abijah to serve before the Lord. Their privilege was to enter the Lords Sanctuary, a place where no man could enter unless he were of the priestly line, to burn the incense and no woman could ever enter. The priest was before God, an honour that befell him only once in his life. He thought about those who had died and had never stood here where he was at: the very dwelling place of God on the earth. He had been chosen. He felt sacred, blessed to be standing here. It would never happen again.

Before the incense hour, many people had gathered into the outer sanctuary. As the time moved closer, the Jewish men had moved

into the inner sanctuary to become the congregation that he could now hear behind him, praying. The women had to remain in the outer sanctuary and any uncircumcised male for this was the custom laid down in the Law of Moses. He, and the other priests had to see that it was strictly observed and that no profanities occurred. No goy could enter.

As he bowed fervently to the Holy of Holies his thoughts turned to his wife, Elizabeth. 'I must not forget to bring the pomegranates for supper when I get back home', he thought, 'I forgot them last week and Elizabeth was not pleased. I keep telling her that I'm an old man now and my memory does not serve me so well anymore.'

He had loved her from the first moment he saw her and he loved her still. She had loved him and both had pledged to serve the Lord with their lives, he, as a priest, and she as his wife to serve God's people. They looked forward to many happy years of marriage and would bring up their children to serve the Lord. The money that a priest received was a pittance but they had survived. Alas, God did not send the little ones with the laughter that would fill their home.

He could see in Elizabeth's face that she was heartbroken at being childless each time she saw a mother with children. He knew that she grieved inside for the children she could not have but she did not tell him. Any chance she got to look after another's child she took it. But not all mothers trusted her with

their children for they felt that if God had not given her children then they would not trust her either. She was a strong woman, nonetheless and she was a daughter of the tribe of Aaron. Her barrenness did not weigh easily on her but she accepted it. She was showing her years.

It was evening now and the shadows of days end would soon draw the day to a close. He could imagine the sun as it burned its way down to its setting place leaving a blazing trail behind it. He had heard that the people of the land of Egypt fancied that it was their god's fiery chariot charging across the sky and chased by its brother the moon. These unbelievers! They knew nothing of the One True God. They knew little and probably refused to believe that Yahweh was the creator of the

universe.

'Lord,' he prayed within his heart, 'give me the strength to serve you now in the autumn of my life as I have served. Grant that all would come to you and accept your Law. You have not seen fit to bestow the gift of children on me but it is all the better to serve you if that is what you wish.' He bowed once to the Altar and began the preparations for the ending of the ceremony.

In his peripheral vision, he saw someone standing and concluded that it was another priest come to help him with the end of the ritual. He turned to the right of the Altar to face the priest.

But it was not a priest it was an Angel of the Lord.

Continued next month

SonLight

Perfect start to the trip

On Thursday 8 September, SonLight headed off to London in the early hours of the morning, set for a busy weekend. As always, we were tired. Regardless, there were many laughs on the road to Dublin. We sang 'Here I am, Lord' It felt very special and, for me, it was the perfect start to the trip.

I was nervous about going to London, I knew it would be a physically demanding trip as we had

packed in as many events as possible in order to give the best to Jesus we could.

Something we had never done

On Friday morning, we took the 'Tube' to Premier Christian Radio. Just outside the tube station, we saw a man who was sleeping rough. Something really pierced me about this man. He was obviously fragile, my heart broke for him. When we were singing in the radio station, I couldn't stop thinking about him. I

asked Jesus to Bless the man with the words we were singing and give him a new start. God Bless him.

It was very exciting going to the radio station! It was something we had never done as a group before. I was so aware that Jesus' Words were going into so many homes and lives and situations and I was very humbled by this.

When we were finished at the radio station, we performed in Saint John's school. What a day! What a crowd! Thank You, Jesus, for these beautiful and innocent children with so much love to give and so many lessons to teach.

Doubts can creep in

We then went to Saint Francis Church, Stratford and had such a beautiful concert. I was very tired after the high of performing in the school and asked Jesus to supply all that I needed to give to the people so they could receive the best of Him. He did this and more! By the end of the concert, I felt like I could have kept singing and singing.

It is very difficult to gauge reactions from the audience when you are singing and utterly pointless! Sometimes, doubts can creep in; "what am I doing here?" "Do they hate it?" "Are they going to leave?" Almost everything we do, I have to block these thoughts out and remind myself that it is not my job to wonder what Jesus is doing, the job I have been asked to do is my only concern. There is no one more surprised than me when we hear testimonies after of how people were deeply moved and touched by Jesus. Thank You, Jesus!



Gods Precious Infants

On Saturday morning, we went with the 'Helpers of Gods Precious Infants' on their anti-abortion walk and prayed outside the abortion clinic. The priest's sermon at Mass before the walk really spoke to me. He said that it is not enough to be anti-abortion, we must help these women to bring their children into the world with love and practical help.

Difficult

I found the prayer vigil at the clinic very difficult. I am a mother and I have lost children. The grave reality of what was going on behind those doors was devastating. To know that these women were going in pregnant and coming out no longer pregnant was harrowing. The counsellors were talking to the women and every so often I would hear muttered prayers and 'please don't do it' from others at the vigil. I couldn't help but cry at the helplessness I felt at not being able to do anything. Poor, poor Jesus and His precious infants!

Fantastic

That night we went to Saint Mellitus Hall in Tollington Park and had a fantastic concert despite

all feeling somewhat emotionally drained. A great night and a great amount raised for their church. Thank You, Jesus!

Thank you

On Sunday Morning, we sang at Mass. On our travels, we have sang in many different churches and parishes. This was the first and, please God, the last church we have visited where our Lord and God was placed beside the toilet! (*The Tabernacle was not in the chapel but was in a room, in the entrance hallway, beside the toilet!*) We sang, 'I love You, Lord' in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Patrick apologised on behalf of us all for the treatment shown to Jesus in what should be His home.

After Mass, we enjoyed lunch in our friend Alice's house. As always, the hospitality shown to us by our fellow servants and friends in London was perfect. Thank you all so much for all of your hard work and the love you showed to us.

Warm and inviting

On Sunday evening, I was starting

to get very tired. Our last concert of the weekend was in the very 'nice' Saint John's Wood. When we first began to sing, I felt intimidated. I am not sure if it was the grand surroundings but I started to think, one hour and we will be done. How wrong I was! The people who attended this evening were probably the most receptive of the weekend. Patrick introduced the songs and his talks were so much deeper than before! It became such a beautiful, deep evening. What a warm and inviting parish!

If we give a little

I have learned from the weekend that if we give a little, Jesus will do the rest. When we are weary, we can call on Jesus simply and humbly 'Jesus, please help me serve You' and He will listen.

I also learned that my ways are not Jesus' Ways. He never fails to surprise me. Thank You, Jesus, for the opportunity to serve You in London. Please Bless SonLight and every heart we encountered on our trip.



Truthful Images

Truth

Jesus has said that one of the weapons we need in these times is Truth. Every time I think of Truth, I remember a Message He gave to those who work on this Newsletter

here at the House of Prayer. He said that beautiful things make His children feel beautiful for a while but it is the Truth that brings Salvation.

One area in this world now where I see lies, lies and more lies, is the abortion issue. From statements like, 'it's not a baby but a clump of cells,' to 'it's a woman's right to choose', to pictures of pretty, newborn babies when the reality is a bloody mess of body parts, and the list goes on. The entire abortion industry is full of lies. Jesus said it on Tuesday 11 March 2003.

Hidden too long

"...I have said that I desire My people to know the Truth, it is also the desire of many of My children. It has been hidden too long. The destruction of Life has been immense. The greatest majority of My children do not realise the Truth of abortion. Complacency has overcome My people and so they live in blindness and are easy fodder for the evil one.

I will show My people the Truth of what is taking place upon this earth, millions of innocents have already been slaughtered and millions are still awaiting their execution. Their blood cries out to Me for vengeance, this shall they receive; they are the martyrs that have died, unblemished by this world. I have washed them in My Blood and they await the time of My Justice. They stand before My Throne awaiting. You do not realise what it is that has been taken from them. They have never had the chance to decide, they have never

had the chance to show their loyalties. You do not realise what you are doing, creation, you disturb the balance of Love upon this earth and it groans under the weight of your sin. Turn around before it is too late. I Love you." Tuesday 11 March 2003

Graphic postcards

The above Message was given during the time that the House of Prayer was getting set up with the printing press and a large part of that work was to fight against abortion. Many graphic postcards were printed displaying the true horror of abortion and it is this that Jesus is referring to in this Message. From this time we, here at the House of Prayer, have carried graphic posters of abortion at our own Walks Against Abortion and at other Pro-Life protests. It is fair to say that we have attracted quite a lot of criticism for these.

Cause damage

It has been claimed that we actually do the Pro-Life cause damage by displaying these images. The reason I am writing this here is because I believe in Jesus' Messages of Love and I believe that now is the time for courage. Now is the time to flood this world with the Truth.

One Thursday, at the Marie Stopes clinic in Belfast, I was carrying one of these posters. I was approached and told that the poster was disgusting and that it would be much nicer to carry one of the posters with a mother and baby. I tried to say that maybe they – the person who had approached me – didn't need to see it but other people did. However, my words were just

falling on deaf ears, so I stopped speaking.

Not the truth

When I came home, I thought about the poster with the mother and baby and, yes, it was endearing and cute but my point is that this is not the Truth about abortion. The Truth about abortion is that it is disgusting and we all need reminded of that. I understand that these posters are hard to look at, they are upsetting but they are the Truth and it is the Truth that saves souls.

The way to proceed

“...My servant, I Love you. Many within the world would say that these pictures are not the way to go in the fight against abortion but I am telling you that it is the way to proceed. Mankind has allowed himself a veil of blindness which he uses to cover up his guilt. It is this veil of blindness that allows him to accept these things and also to blind himself in the areas that spirits dictate to him through self. I have asked My House to do this because many are being convinced that the Truth is not the way. They wish to show only the side of abortion that is not real. Do you not see that this is a ploy of lucifer, using the blindness of man in the same way that he used it against Eve..?” *Good Friday, 18 April 2003*

Jesus spoke again

After a short time of these posters being printed, Jesus spoke again and said:

“...You do not realise what these images¹ are doing. They have already been responsible for saving over a hundred innocent lives from being lost.

Do not allow this work to stop. I Love you, My son. Continue with the Work I have set you. It is good to love one another.

¹ These are the images of the aborted children that we have been sending out each month with the Newsletter...

Thursday 17 June 2004, for the servants, of the House

Eleven years old now

If we had listened to the world, those hundred lives would not have been saved and very possibly, the women who were going to abort them, well who knows where they would have ended up! We must trust God now and believe they are safe. Think about it! Those children would be ten or eleven years old now!

Be brave

So another way of fighting against abortion is to hand out these postcards. Be brave and don't let anyone discourage you from doing so for Jesus is on your side.

There are many other ways to fight against abortion. However we decide to do it - and we must do it if we profess to love Jesus – the most



important thing is to take Jesus with us, to pray for His guidance in the work we do for Him. We must also do everything with love. Let

us all stand up and allow God to work through us in whatever way He needs to.
Ireland, stand up and fight!



Holy Water

a means of spiritual wealth'

A sacramental

Recently I came across a little leaflet, 'Holy Water – A Means of Spiritual Wealth.' As I, myself, am a fervent believer in the power of Holy Water, I would like to share its contents with you. Jesus says in the Message of Love from 10 November 2016:

"...Trust only in Me, My children, for you have entered times of great darkness where this earth has rebelled against its God..."

So, more than ever, we should make use of this great sacramental and tell our friends and families to get back to the practice of using it more often in our houses.

HOLY WATER - A MEANS OF SPIRITUAL WEALTH

Holy water is a sacramental that remits venial sin. Because of the blessing attached to it, Holy Church strongly urges its use upon her children, especially when dangers threaten, such as fire, storms, sickness and other calamities. Every Catholic home always

should have in it a supply of holy water. We do not take advantage of the benefits derived from holy water.

LET US CULTIVATE ITS USE

Untold spiritual wealth is concentrated in a tiny drop of blessed water.

And we give it so little thought!

Did we realize now, as we shall realize after death, the many benefits which may be derived from holy water, we would use it far more frequently, and with greater faith and reverence.

Holy water has its great power and efficacy from the prayers of the Church, which its Divine Founder always accepts with complacency.

The following are some of the Petitions that the Priest makes to God when he blesses water.

"O God, grant that this creature of Thine (water) may be endowed with Divine Grace to drive away devils and to cast out diseases, that whatever in the houses or possessions of the faithful may be sprinkled by this water, may be freed from every thing unclean, and delivered from what is hurtful. Let everything that threatens the safety or peace of

the dwellers therein be banished by the sprinkling of this water; so that the health which they seek by calling upon Thy Holy Name may be guarded from all assault."

PRAYERS EFFECTIVE

These prayers ascend to Heaven each time you take holy water and sprinkle a drop either for yourself or for another whether he be present or absent; and God's blessings descend for soul and body.

Dispel the Devil

The devil hates holy water because of its power over him. He can not long abide in a place or near a person that is often sprinkled with this blessed water.

Do your dear ones live at a distance?

Holy water, sprinkled with faith and piety, can move the Sacred Heart to bless your loved ones and protect them from all harm of soul and body. When worry and fear takes possession of your heart, hasten to your holy water font, and give your dear ones the benefit of the Church's prayers.

THE HOLY SOULS LONG FOR IT

Only in Purgatory can one understand how ardently a poor soul longs for holy water. If we desire to make a host of intercessors for ourselves, let us try to realize now some of their yearnings, and never forget them at the holy water font. The holy souls nearest to Heaven may need the sprinkling of only one drop to relieve their pining souls.

Remits Venial Sins

Because holy water is one of the Church's sacramentals, it remits venial sin. Keep your soul beautifully pure in God's sight by making the Sign of the

Cross carefully while saying,
"By this holy water and by Thy Precious Blood wash away all my sins, O Lord."
Imprimatur: Albert G. Meyer Archbishop of Milwaukee, Jan. 13, 1958

Let us make more use of this wonderful gift and tell our families and friends. One beautiful thing is to have a holy water font at your front door so that, going or coming, all may Bless themselves.

Holy Water can be used to release Holy Souls, it can be used to baptise the little aborted babies.

Let us bring back the tradition of using this precious sacramental in our own homes.

Sacred Heart House of Prayer

*And in the shadow of Thy wings will I hope,
until iniquity pass away...*

Psalms 56:2

2017
Calendar

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Our 2017 Calendar is now available free of charge. Please let us know if you would like a copy.

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Events to Come

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| Friday 13 January
to Sunday
15 January 2017
Days of Love
<i>Beginning with a
concert on Friday
evening</i> | Sunday 12 February
HOUSE OF PRAYER
CLOSED FOR A
PRIVATE RETREAT | 12noon |
| Tuesday
31 January 2017
EVE OF SAINT BRIGID
<i>We will make Saint
Brigid Crosses on this
evening</i> | Wednesday
15 February
Saint Claude
de la Colombiere
Day of Prayer
Prayers begin at
12noon | Monday 20 March
Saint Joseph
Day of Prayer
Prayers begin at
12noon |
| Saturday 11 February
Our Lady of Lourdes
Day of Prayer
Prayers begin at
12noon | Sunday 5 March
HOUSE OF PRAYER
CLOSED FOR A
PRIVATE RETREAT | Saturday 25 March
Feast of the
Annunciation
Twenty Four Hour
Day of Prayer and
Fasting Against
Abortion
Prayers begin at
12midnight |
| | Friday 17 March
Saint Patrick
Day of Prayer
Prayers begin at | FIRST FRIDAY VIGILS
from 10pm - 2am:
Friday 3 February and
Friday 3 March 2017 |

Feast of Love 2017

"...My Love will dispel all darkness..."

Beginning with a concert on the evening of
Friday 13 January and continuing until Sunday 15 January 2017

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The Homeless at Christmas Time

Homeless issues

I used to work for a council in London and my team dealt with the housing claims of the homeless, those in hostels, particularly 'Saint Mungos' and those families in desperate need who were housed in temporary accommodation. Although I have left this work several years ago, homeless issues have remained very close to my heart. Many of our customers were lovely, friendly people and I was very moved by their kindness and good nature in the face of all their problems.

At Christmas time

At Christmas time and, when the weather turns colder, I tend to think more of these people and the desperate circumstances they find themselves in. I often visit certain churches in Central London and have found many homeless men in there sheltering from the cold with their heads down trying to get a little sleep. They do not bother anyone and are respectfully quiet in the churches, keeping themselves to themselves.

When I walk around London, it is very sad to see so many sleeping bags and even tents set up in doorways with men trying to sleep

in them. It is a little encouraging to see that in some cases passersby have left a little something for that person, some fruit or sandwiches and other items.

Rough sleeping is rising

Across England however, rough sleeping is rising. On any one night in autumn 2015, 3,569 people were sleeping rough, a figure that has risen by 102% between 2010 and 2015. Poor mental health among people sleeping rough is also on the rise. Four in ten people sleeping rough need support for a mental health problem and, in London, the number of people sleeping rough with an identified mental health support need has risen from 711 in 2009-10 to 2,528 in 2015-16.

Mental health problem

People sleeping rough with a mental health problem tend to live on the streets for longer. Poor access to mental health support keeps people trapped in dangerous circumstances on the streets. New research published by St Mungo's in October 2016, 'Nowhere safe to stay,' exposed how harmful and dangerous sleeping rough can be. Interviews with forty Saint Mungo's clients found that people were subject to violent attacks while

sleeping rough.

Deaths

Each November, a service at the church of Saint Martin in the Fields marks the deaths of people who have been homeless. This year, one hundred and sixty names were read aloud.

In London alone, an average of one rough sleeper has died every fortnight since 2010. The risk of being attacked is high and violence is costing the lives of people sleeping rough. According to press reports, about ninety seven people who died while sleeping rough in England in the past five years, almost a quarter experienced violent deaths, their average age at death was forty four years old.

Attacked or beaten up

In a recent survey of over 200 people sleeping rough in Westminster, more than a third of respondents, said they had been attacked or beaten up since they started rough sleeping. Ten out of forty Saint Mungo's clients interviewed for this report said that they had been the victim of physical assaults while sleeping rough.

Had been urinated on

One client had been attacked by two men while he slept on a park bench, one stabbed him in the leg with a pen then the other kicked his back.

In another case, a man tried to stab a female client in the leg with a needle containing heroin.

Children threw rocks and bottles at another client while he slept and, on another occasion, a man asked him if he was okay before striking him in the face and breaking his jaw!

A further client had his face stamped on while he was asleep! Several other clients said that they or people they had known who were sleeping rough had their sleeping bags set on fire or had been urinated on while they slept!

Mental ill-health

People are treated poorly and often labelled, scapegoated and judged for sleeping rough. People see drink or drugs behind rough sleeping but rarely think about mental health.

Mental ill-health can affect anyone but people sleeping rough face adverse weather conditions, fear and isolation that puts them at greater risk.

A lasting impact

Nine of the forty people that were interviewed for this report said that they had considered or attempted suicide while homeless.

Rough sleeping has a lasting impact on an individual's mental and physical health, as well as on important personal relationships. Of the 1,036 people who have slept rough currently living in Saint Mungo's supported accommodation, 74% have a mental health problem, 65% have a drug or alcohol problem, 49% have a physical health condition that has a substantial effect on their health and two hundred and seventeen live apart from their children who are under eighteen.

Difficult

Half of all the rough sleepers in the UK are in London. For obvious reasons, winter is a particularly difficult time resulting in rough sleepers suffering three times as

many physical health problems as the average person. The death rate of rough sleepers is twenty five times that of the rest of the population.

Suicides

Recent research into suicide by people in mental health care has revealed the number of patient suicides among people who are homeless has increased over the period of the study (2004-2014) with an average of forty deaths per year.

Clients told Saint Mungo's that it was hard to sleep on the streets because of uncomfortable surfaces, anxiety, fear and being cold. This lack of sleep makes mental health and other problems worse.

Several clients said that they turned to drugs or alcohol in order to sleep. Substances were also used to self-medicate for depression, bereavement and anxiety. Mental health problems that started or were made worse by sleeping rough often endure even when people move off the streets.

Children

As well as problems men and women have with homelessness, the number of children spending Christmas in temporary accommodation in England has also reached a seven-year high, the housing charity Shelter has said. New figures show there were 14,670 households accepted as homeless between July and September, the largest number since 2008.

Christmas in B&Bs

According to Shelter, more than 103,000 children will spend



Christmas in B&Bs, hostels or temporary rented homes. "With the double blow of cuts to welfare and a chronic lack of affordable housing, many more families are facing a desperate battle to keep a roof over their heads."

Stop the Scandal

But there are some positives and some great work by charities to make sure that homeless people and their problems are not forgotten. Saint Mungo's 'Stop the Scandal' campaign is calling for the Prime Minister to lead a new strategy to end rough sleeping. As part of this, the government must meet its commitment to improve mental health services for homeless people and invest in specialist homelessness mental health support.

Specialist services

Saint Mungo's also has a team of street outreach workers working with rough sleepers in London ensuring that each night 1,400 people stay in their emergency hostels and semi-independent housing.

Working with some of the most vulnerable people in society, homeless charities are providing more than just a roof over people's heads. Most offer specialist services that address the problems that can be associated with homelessness, such as mental health problems,

alcoholism and drug misuse and in doing so, enable people to rebuild their lives.

Crisis

Crisis, another organisation, will be running its thirty fourth Crisis Open Christmas at six venues around London this year between December 23 and 30. As well as shelter, they provide training courses giving homeless people a chance to learn skills to make a fresh start in the new year. Volunteers will provide an opportunity for homeless people to see a doctor, dentist, optician or counsellor.

Call StreetLink

Since 2011, 'No Second Night Out' in London has helped 2,900 people to move off the streets. Programmes such as 'No One Living on the Streets' and the 'Rough Sleeper 205' initiative are also supporting more entrenched rough sleepers

in London to get a roof over their head. 'No Second Night Out' (NSNO) focuses on helping those who find themselves rough sleeping on the streets of London for the first time. If you see someone sleeping rough in London, you can call StreetLink on 0300 500 0914 and give a few details of where you have seen the person sleeping rough and directing the relevant outreach team to help that person and get them a safe place to stay.

Never forget

We must never forget the plight of the homeless people on our streets. Always treat them with the love and respect they deserve. At Christmas time, whatever way you can, help, pray for them, volunteer to help or, if you have the means, donate to a charity that can help them directly. They need our help, let us not forget them!

The Plight of Others

THE PLIGHT OF PRIESTS

Responsibility before God

Priests are in a particular position of responsibility before God. They are the shepherds of His flock, commissioned to guide the members of their congregation toward the Narrow Gate.

They are therefore in a difficult position, especially with the Church having become so influenced by

modernism and subject to so much corruption.

Whole heartedly serve their God

To begin with, not all those entering seminaries are like-minded, wishing to whole heartedly serve their God. Some even view the priesthood as merely a secure job, providing accommodation. Many do not begin to take seriously the Real Presence

of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and are liable to make light of those who do. They consider it to be more or less a fairy tale, like much of the Bible itself.

Well intentioned seminarians

Furthermore, much that is taught in seminaries is at odds with the more traditionalist viewpoint. Some of the textbooks employed are even written by Protestants. It is hard for well intentioned seminarians, who are coming from the right place essentially, to tell the good from the bad in all of these teachings.

Under the authority

Once ordained, a priest cannot just say anything he wants in his homilies. He is under the authority of his bishop. He is dependent on the Church for his income and the roof over his head. He is an employee who is under the instruction of his bosses. Who would want to be in his shoes? If he pushes the wrong buttons and makes too many references to abortion, sacrilegious reception of the Holy Eucharist, even the existence of hell, he faces a reprimand, or being moved to another parish, or perhaps something worse. Yet, if he misleads his congregation or doesn't say the right things to them,

he has Jesus to answer to at the end of his life.

A lonely life

It can be a lonely life and a confusing one. A priest must wonder at the changes taking place in the Church. He was taught in the seminary that the traditionalists had got it wrong. The Church must move with the times and accommodate the needs of modern people.

He faces being laughed at by many of his colleagues for being old-fashioned if he starts to prefer the way things were before the Second Vatican Council.

To what extent can he hope to avoid being influenced by his peers, or to stand against the modernist tide? This situation serves to make him even lonelier and more isolated. How can he know where his immediate colleagues really stand, or his parishioners?

Whatever stance he adopts, he cannot avoid criticism, though it may remain mostly concealed within hearts.

Surely need our prayers

At this time, more than ever, our priests surely need our prayers, not least so that they may be able to peer through the fog.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord. Keep them, for they are Thine - the priests whose lives burn out before Thy consecrated shrine. Keep them, for they are in the world though from the world apart. When earthly treasures tempt, allure - shelter them in Thy Heart. Keep them and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain, when all their life of sacrifice for souls seems but in vain. Keep them and remember Lord, they have no one but Thee. They have only human hearts, with human frailty. Keep them as spotless as the Host, that daily they caress; they every thought and word and deed, deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

http://www.mogetherteresa.org/11_Priests/YearPr_7.html

Wisdom

John Paul II

ENCYCLICAL LETTER: VERITATIS SPLENDOR

Addressed by the Supreme Pontiff Pope John Paul II to all the bishops of the Catholic Church regarding certain fundamental questions of the Church's moral teaching

continued

I. Freedom and Law

Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat (Gen 2:17)

35. In the Book of Genesis we read: "The Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'You may eat freely of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die'" (Gen 2: 16-17).

With this imagery, Revelation teaches that the power to decide what is good and what is evil does not belong to man, but to God alone. The man is certainly free, inasmuch as he can understand and accept God's commands. And he possesses an extremely far-reaching freedom, since he can eat "of every tree of the garden". But his freedom is not unlimited: it must halt before the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil", for it is called to accept the moral law given by God. In fact, human freedom finds its authentic and complete fulfilment precisely in the acceptance of that law. God, who alone is good, knows perfectly what is good for man, and by virtue of his very love proposes this good to man in the commandments.

God's law does not reduce, much less do away with human freedom; rather, it protects and promotes that freedom. In contrast, however, some present-day cultural tendencies have given rise to several currents of thought in ethics which centre upon an alleged conflict between freedom and law. These doctrines would grant to individuals or social groups the right to determine what is good or evil. Human freedom would thus be able to "create values" and would enjoy a primacy over truth, to the point that truth itself would be considered a creation of freedom. Freedom would thus lay claim to a moral autonomy which would actually amount to an absolute sovereignty.

36. The modern concern for the claims of autonomy has not failed to exercise an influence also in the sphere of Catholic moral theology. While the latter has certainly never attempted to set human freedom against the divine law or to question the existence of an ultimate religious foundation for moral norms, it has, nonetheless, been led to undertake a profound rethinking about the role

of reason and of faith in identifying moral norms with reference to specific "inner-worldly" kinds of behaviour involving oneself, others and the material world.

It must be acknowledged that underlying this work of rethinking there are certain positive concerns which to a great extent belong to the best tradition of Catholic thought. In response to the encouragement of the Second Vatican Council, there has been a desire to foster dialogue with modern culture, emphasizing the rational--and thus universally understandable and communicable character of moral norms belonging to the sphere of the natural moral law. There has also been an attempt to reaffirm the interior character of the ethical requirements deriving from that law, requirements which create an obligation for the will only because such an obligation was previously acknowledged by human reason and, concretely, by personal conscience.

Some people, however, disregarding the dependence of human reason on Divine Wisdom and the need, given the present state of fallen nature, for Divine Revelation as an effective means for knowing moral truths, even those of the natural order, have actually posited a complete sovereignty of reason in the domain of moral norms regarding the right ordering of life in this world. Such norms would constitute the boundaries for a merely "human" morality; they would be the expression of a law which man in an autonomous manner lays down for himself and which has its source

exclusively in human reason. In no way could God be considered the Author of this law, except in the sense that human reason exercises its autonomy in setting down laws by virtue of a primordial and total mandate given to man by God. These trends of thought have led to a denial, in opposition to Sacred Scripture (cf. Mt 15:3-6) and the Church's constant teaching, of the fact that the natural moral law has God as its author, and that man, by the use of reason, participates in the eternal law, which it is not for him to establish.

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Letters to the HoP



Better the second time around

Dear friends,

...I am reading a lot of back numbers of Newsletters, better the second time around!

...Reading all the events you have in the House of Prayer, I am glad I say a Rosary every day and Saint Michael prayers...I began in 2000 for the Pro-Life and I've never missed a day since, feel proud of that! Those poor little babies!...

Bye for now.

God Bless you all, Mary

Thank you

To the two Patricks and all the servants of the Sacred Heart House of Prayer.

Once again, thank you for all the Messages and everything throughout the year, not forgetting your Music Ministry coming to London – fantastic!

May God shower you all with lots of Blessings at Christmas and always. Ticket and stubs and donation of ... enclosed.

With lots of love and prayers,
Carmel

God Bless you

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for continuing to send me your booklet which I find a real Blessing! I am enclosing a cheque

of ... for raffle tickets and ... for ongoing expenses.

May Almighty God Bless you all in the House, John.

This dream world

Dear all at the House of Prayer,
Thank you all so much for all your work and prayers. The Messages are something and help to keep some of us out of this dream world. We are struggling so much just to be aware of these times and the danger we are in. We keep you all in our prayers and hope and pray for all your families.

God Bless you all, Teresa

The Chaplet of Love

Dear friends,

Thank you for magazine through 2016. I love reading the Messages of Love which it contains. I enclose a cheque for ...

Thank you for your prayers and for all you all do for the House of Prayer. I will try to say the Chaplet of Love every day if I can from now on!

God Bless you all at the House of Prayer and may you all have a happy and blessed Christmas!

Kind Regards to you all, Mary.

Christmas Stranger

This is an original Song written by SonLight and Patrick Rushe.

*A Beautiful Stranger, the world did not see,
This perfect Baby would die on a Tree,
All because mankind would not change his way,
This beautiful Stranger was Born on this Day.*

*A beautiful Baby, born into a manger.
Born into a world that would make Him a Stranger
No wealth or no riches, no bling or no flush,
Total perfection, this Child is God.*

*We did not realise,
This beauty, behold,
It was part of Gods Plan
That the Scripture foretold,
That Jesus would come in
And save the world,
Bringing Peace and Redemption and Love.*

*A Beautiful Stranger, the world did not see,
This perfect Baby would die on a Tree,
All because mankind would not change his way,
This beautiful Stranger was Born on this Day.*

*The child in the stable,
He knows the Price
For He is the Redeeming Christ.
Could He see the children who can never have,*

*Their right to choose a life in God.
"Jesus, I will follow You"
Was stolen from them before they knew.*

*How foolish are we to have fallen asleep,
The disease of sin spreads far and deep.
To kill our own babies, oh!
How our God weeps!
The blood of the babies, into the earth seeps,
In great torrents it flows, out into our streets
As each generation is lost.
Only He can know the cost.*

*We do not realise,
This beauty beheld,
It is part of Gods Plan,
That the Scripture foretells.
That Jesus will Come in
And save the world,
Bringing Peace and Redemption and Love.*

*A Beautiful Stranger, the world does not see,
This perfect Baby has Died on a Tree
All because mankind will not change his way,
This Beautiful Stranger Born on Christmas Day.*

*Too busy, important and selfish to care,
While the King of the Earth
Still strips His Flesh bare...*