

*Happy and
holy Christmas
to you all*



An Invitation to Love Jesus Newsletter Messages of Love November 2024 Issue 342

Editorial

THIRTY YEARS!!!

Messages

The Messages this month continue to call us to die to ourselves. Jesus tells us that He speaks many Words to us but the most important ones are those which tell us to die to ourselves. He also tells us, many times, to trust Him and to walk with Him. Time is short and He needs us ready. He asks us the question, have we got enough oil for our lamps?

Christmas and Advent

There are a selection of articles about Christmas and Advent within this Newsletter which, hopefully will help us to prepare for this holy season. Also included are a selection of the Messages that Jesus has given over the years about Advent, Christmas and how we can prepare for it.

Clara

Our Spanish friend, Maria, who translates our Messages from Jesus into Spanish, informed us on 15 November 2024 that Clara Petra had gone to Heaven. Clara was the wife of Romano, our dear friend, who began translating the Messages of Love into Spanish. We know they worked hard for

Jesus and we trust they are now in the folds of Jesus' Most Sacred Heart.

Happy Christmas

The House of Prayer will be opened over the Christmas period. You are welcome to call in and spend time in silence with Jesus in the Tabernacle. We wish you a happy and holy Christmas!

**Sacred Heart House of Prayer
2025 Calendar now available!**

**It has been printed in two
different sizes, A4 and a
larger A3 size. When ordering,
please state which size you
would like. There is no cost
but donations are welcome.**





The Messages of Love

as given to the two Patricks

The following Message was missed from last month.

Tuesday 15 October 2024

Feast of Saint Teresa of Avila

Do you begin to see how I prepare for you, My children. I build refuges for you and My Church and, it is you who provide the building blocks, both spiritually and physically, through your faith. This is why I say help My Houses of Prayer for they will become the refuges of My Truth, places where My people will be nourished. I will call all My remnant and they shall know where to find My Truth for I will place these Beacons of the Truth in every town, that will listen, in every country of this world.

Trust Me, children. We will win this Battle. The Truth cannot die for I am the Truth.

Trust Me and prepare My Houses. I Love you.

Friday 1 November 2024

My children, My Words are Truth and they are Life; it is only through Me that you can find Eternal Life. I am the Gateway to the Father; no one can come to the Father, except through Me. I am the Word and I speak to you through My Prophets so that you may have Life in Me, in this your time of trial.

Trust Me and follow My Words for I speak many Words to tell you of what is happening but, the most important Words, are those where I tell you to fight against self for, when self is given freedom, it will freely walk the path of sin and so to hell.

Trust Me, die to self, repent of your sin and come follow Me in Truth. Trust Me, children, and walk this Path I set before you.

Trust.

I Love you.

Monday 4 November 2024

My children, trust in Me and make ready.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Tuesday 5 November 2024

My children, I am with you, I will not desert you. Trust in Me and follow My Truth.

Trust Me, children.

I Love you.

Wednesday 6 November 2024

My children, trust in Me, your God, and prepare. I will speak the Words of Truth and this world will change; no more will I allow the deceivers to control this world with their lies.

Trust Me, My children, and make ready for this world does not realise what it has released upon itself with its disobedience to My Truth. All actions have consequences and, mankind, by listening to lucifer, has called a Great Chastisement down upon himself, where the greater part of mankind will lose their earthly lives for their acceptance of evil.

You, My remnant, My children, I ask you to prepare so that you become the Light of My Truth, you will be seen and passed over by the Spirit of My Justice.

Trust Me and prepare.

I Love you.

Thursday 7 November 2024

Faith, My children, is what will carry you through this Time of Tribulation. Have faith in My Truth, children, no matter what hardship it brings you for believing.

My children, all are tested for, the prize that awaits, cannot be given to those who have not fought to remain in the Truth.

Trust Me, My children, and walk with Me.

I Love you.

Thursday 7 November 2024

Children, I call again for you to support My Houses of Prayer with your hearts. You do not realise the Gift I have given to this world through My Prophets, Visionaries and Seers throughout this world.

Trust Me and help My Houses to build so that My Truth remains safe within their walls.

Trust Me, children.

I Love you.

Friday 8 November 2024

My children, I am with you as you read these Words of Truth. Children, look around you and see and read the signs of your times. All is plain to be seen for the one who is willing to seek.

Trust Me and be obedient to My Words and make ready for already the hourglass is empty and the last grains have almost landed. Then, time will be up and the Father of All will speak the Words of Justice and all will begin in earnest.

My remnant will be given a voice and they will begin to gather the lost sheep who are willing to listen and return to the safety of My Fold. Trust Me, children, and do not waste the time that is left.

Trust Me and make ready.

I Love you.

Saturday 9 November 2024

My children, I call you to make ready. Few days of your time are left to you to prepare. I ask that you make haste so that you will be able to see and understand and so, be able to help those in need.

Trust Me, children, this world is going to change in ways that you would not believe possible. I mean to test the peoples of this world and reclaim all those who are willing to listen. Trust Me and listen to the Words that I speak. Trust Me, children.
I Love you.

Sunday 10 November 2024

Have faith in the Words I speak and prepare, children. I will need your help in this Work of Salvation. There are so many who wander in the darkness of this world who will be willing to return at the first sign of My Light. You are My beacons of Truth. You, My children, will become the Warriors of Love who will shine My Light and guide My people back to safe refuge. All is not lost, children, I will give you a voice and My Church will begin to shine, once again. The deceivers will be ignored and their lies will be cast aside by those who recognise Me and want to follow My Truth.



My Truth will be spoken of throughout the lands and My Flock will grow in strength and numbers. Trust Me, children, and make ready. Trust Me and have faith in My Words.
Trust Me.
I Love you.

Monday 11 November 2024

Trust in Me, children, and walk this Path of Truth. Do not look for those things that you perceive to make the Journey easier by diluting My Truth for, then, the journey becomes a lie. Trust Me and walk in My Truth that has not changed from My Death on Calvary. My Words do not change with the times, it is up to you to change in order to recognise My Word, My Truth. Trust Me and come walk with Me. Trust Me, children. I Love you.
Walk with Me.
I Love you.

Tuesday 12 November 2024

Children, it has begun. The great falling away is upon this world and the Justice of the Father of All now pours into this world. Trust Me, children, and make ready for many events will now take place that will shock the entire world into thinking that maybe, I am not a fairytale. Trust Me, children, and make ready.
Trust Me.
I Love you.

Wednesday 13 November 2024

My children, My Love for you is

great and, so, I speak these Words to guide you, My remnant. Yes, only a chosen few read them, at this time but, this is about to change. I will cast My Words out into every country of this world and they will become the Words that will guide My people back to the Way that I have already given within My Church.

Soon, you will see and understand as the deceivers who lead My Church try to take My people on a path that My true followers will refuse to travel. Trust Me, children, remove the sin from your lives and you will be prepared.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Thursday 14 November 2024

Fear rises in this world as the evil one grows in power. I have told you, children, that he wishes to destroy all that I created in Love. So, now, he spreads distrust and fear of neighbour and, war is born. Trust Me, children, and stay close. I am Coming to destroy the lies and all those who are not willing to repent will be cast down. I will cleanse all My Creation, it is time. Trust Me and listen to My Words. I Love you.

Friday 15 November 2024

My children, My Houses are My Vessels of Truth that will sail safely through the deluge of lies that sweeps forth from the liars who now control this world. Their reign of darkness comes to an end. I will show who the True Master is.

My Houses of Prayer are My Gift to you, My people. All you who want to know the Truth, I call you to do all in your power to help My Houses survive. So many of My Houses throughout this world, have not been given life because of the lack of faith of those Prophets, Visionaries, Seers and helpers who were entrusted to give them life.

Pray for My Houses, children, pray that they be strengthened through the love of your brothers and sisters who work within them and struggle to uphold My Dream. Trust Me, children, and believe.

I Love you.

Sunday 17 November 2024

My children, you who read these Words, you are those I have chosen to begin the Revolution of Love. You are the ones who have the means to build My Houses and protect My Church with your faith. Some of you have listened to My calls but most of you have chosen to ignore Me.

Now it is time for Me to intercede, I ask you, have you prepared? Have you brought oil for your lamps or are you the foolish virgins who failed to prepare?

Trust Me and begin, now, remove the sin from your lives so that you might see the Truth.

Trust Me and prepare.

I Love you.

Patricks:

Faith

Jesus has shown us, when He speaks about the Houses of Prayer, that they are built through our faith. The more that we

believe, the stronger they become. He has also shown us that He has asked for many Houses of Prayer throughout this world, through different Prophets, Visionaries and Seers but they failed because of their lack of faith and, the lack of faith of the people, who were supposed to support them.

So many have listened to the lies of lucifer, so many plans have been lost that Jesus gave to so many different people, around the world. Remember, Jesus will not force any of us to do anything, we must be willing, in our free will, to carry out the inspirations, the prophecies, that Jesus and His Mother have given throughout this world.

The Houses of Prayer are the Vessels that will hold the Truth while the Church undergoes its cleansing. Have faith, all who read these Words have been chosen by the Father of All to become the beacons that will hold the Light of our God, and, through this Light, the ones who wander in darkness will be able to return.

We all must pray, pray, pray, that Jesus' Dreams be fulfilled through our willingness to give of ourselves. So many of our brothers' and sisters' lives depend on what Jesus has asked for through us, His remnant.

Monday 18 November 2024

It is time to trust in Me, your God, children. It is time to walk forward in the Light of My Truth. Know, children, you are My remnant, I have called you out of the darkness

to walk this Path of dying to self so that you be made ready to carry My Light out into this world.

Become the Beacons of Love, children, that I call you to be. You are not too young or too old to become a Beacon of Love, simply trust in Me, your God, and I will guide you upon a Path that you would not believe possible.

Trust Me, children, and come, walk with Me, I will show you the Truth. I will guide you and if you listen, you will bring many to My Side. Trust Me, children.

Look at how many times I repeat these simple Words, Trust Me, children: if you are willing to trust Me then you will walk the Path I set before you and all will be revealed.

Trust.

I Love you.

Tuesday 19 November 2024

My children, I am with you in this time of trial. Trust Me, children, and follow the Path that I have given to you by My Life, Death and Resurrection. I have shown you the Way and, all I do in these Words, is repeat the Words I have already given you.

Trust Me, children, and build My Church by your dying to self. Repair My Houses with your willingness to give of self; the more you go against self, the more time you will be willing to give.

Trust Me, children, I am with you in these struggles.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Wednesday 20 November 2024

My children, come to Me, visit Me in My lonely Tabernacle. Come, children, spend time with Me and show Me that you care about Me, your God. I tell you the Truth, so few believe that I am truly Present in the Sacrifice that I have given to this world.

I am the Bread of Life and I am truly Present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Bread of Life that is held within all the Tabernacles of this world. I gave My Life so that I could become the Sacrifice that would cleanse the sin of all those who wish to be cleansed.

Trust Me, children, come spend time with Me, sit with Me and tell Me of yourself and I will fill you with New Life.

Believe.

I Love you.

Thursday 21 November 2024

Have faith in Me and prepare, children, for I am guiding you through these, My Words of Love. I have told you the way things will be. I do not tell you these Words to scare you but, so that you will be prepared and so that you will

allow Me to guide you through this Time of Tribulation.

Trust Me, children, and remove the sin from your lives so that you can see and understand what is happening.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Friday 22 November 2024

My children, I, your God, speak to you in this way to guide you who are willing to listen. I guide you away from the dangers of this world. I guide in the Ways of Love. See My Words and begin to follow Me in Truth.

See what I say and do not try to distort or twist My Words into accepting the darkness that lucifer has spread throughout this world.

Trust Me, children, and seek only the Truth that this world hates for I am the Truth and only through Me will you find true Peace. Trust Me and walk the Path that leads you to True Repentance and you will have found the Pearl of Great Price.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Saturday 23 November 2024

My children, I have told you all is about to change and that I need you ready now, trust Me and make haste for you are on the brink of a great change and so few are ready. Trust Me, My children, trust Me and prepare.

I Love you.

Sunday 24 November 2024

Believe in My Words, believe in



the Words I speak for I will not force anyone to believe in Me, you must want to believe in free will. I tell you this because this world stands on the brink of the greatest Chastisement, ever to befall mankind. There will be many parts of this earth that will cease to exist because of what they are calling down upon themselves through their sin.

Trust Me, children, and believe for the Fire of My Justice will not touch My remnant, it will pass over all those who shine with the mark of My Truth upon them. All who believe will shine with the Light of their God and will walk through this time guided by Me, Jesus, Son of the Living God, the Father of All.

Trust Me, children, prepare, now, for you are soon about to run out of time.

Believe.

I Love you.

Monday 25 November 2024

Come, children, believe and walk this Path and let Me look upon your face. Trust Me, children, and see the Truth of My Words as you battle to overcome self. Trust Me and walk this Path. Sin is what blocks you from understanding.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Tuesday 26 November 2024

Come to Me, My people, for We, now, will change this world. We will show Our people the Truth for We are your God and We will show this world the Truth. All

will see and all will know but so many will refuse to walk away from the lies of lucifer. Do not be one of those who freely walk the path to hell because of their unwillingness to die to self.

Trust in Me, your God, and make ready.

I Love you.

Wednesday 27 November 2024

Have faith in Me, children, and live My Words of Truth and help My Houses of Prayer with your love, prayer, sacrifice and giving. The more you give of yourself, the more they will be strengthened with your love.

Trust Me, children, so many of My Houses in this world are in need of your love. The more prayer and sacrifice I receive from you, then the more I can pour of Myself into these Refuges of Love. Trust Me and offer many prayers that My Dream be fulfilled in this world.

Trust Me, children.

I Love you.

Thursday 28 November 2024

My children, trust in Me and take up your cross and follow Me in Truth. Your lives on this earth are so short. You, My children, are only on this earth to decide where you want to live for all eternity in Heaven or hell. You decide this by the way you live your lives. If you allow Love and Forgiveness to lead you through this life, then Heaven will be your home.

If you allow anger, greed and unforgiveness to lead you then hell

will be your home. The decision is yours, children. You have free will and decide by your actions. So, I call out to all the peoples of this world to love one another but, so few listen, more choose to walk the path of darkness.

Trust Me, children, and listen to My Words for man now walks a path so evil that he will destroy himself and all My Creation if I do not intervene.

For the sake of My remnant, I will cleanse the darkness. All those who refuse to repent I will remove for they are a cancer that is destroying the countries of this world. Make ready, children, your God is at work and I will reveal many things that will confuse the peoples of this world. This knowledge will destroy what science has said about Me and My Existence. Trust Me and make ready by removing the sin from your lives.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Friday 29 November 2024

Have faith, children, and see the Truth. I am Coming to renew this world. I am Coming to make all things new. I am Coming to repair the damage that man has caused with his lack of respect and greed. I am Coming for you, My children, to keep you safe and destroy the darkness of this generation.

Trust Me, children, it has begun. The fall of nations is already in motion and cannot be stopped. I will look after you, My remnant, I will protect My own.

Trust Me and prepare.

I Love you.

Saturday 30 November 2024

My children, I say and say again, trust Me a little longer for all is culminating and this world cannot see what it has created for itself by its sin. So much is about to change and My people will have a voice and the harvest will be gathered. All will be given a chance to return.

Trust Me, children, when I say make ready for you do not understand the worth of the time that you have left. Trust Me, children, and be obedient to My Words.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Sunday 1 December 2024

Children of Love, I call upon you to help My Houses grow in this time. You do not see nor do you understand what is happening at this time but, soon, you shall see My Houses as they shine forth into this world. They shall cut through the darkness and the empire of sin will collapse under its own burden. Trust Me, My children, and listen to My calls within your hearts. I call upon you, My remnant, once again, to give of yourselves and show Me that you want these Pearls of Great Price that I give to you.

Trust Me, children, and be obedient to My call; die to self, remove the sin from your lives and follow Me in Truth.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

APPEAL

As Jesus has said in the Messages, the Houses of Prayer are in need of help both spiritually and financially. Jesus' Houses need many prayers, sacrifices and financial help. At this time, we are in need of financial help for the ongoing renovations and day to day running costs of the Houses of Prayer, as well as, the printing and posting of the Newsletter.

We are in debt of £22,899 at this time.

We totally depend on your generosity in financing what Jesus has asked for. We are sorry that we have to ask for your help but Jesus has said, on several occasions, if we do not ask you then you do not know to help Him and His Work.

We sincerely thank you for all the help you have given to Jesus so far. Remember, we are all in this Work together that Jesus asked for. Please do not feel pressured by our asking for help. If you can't help financially, please say a prayer for the Work Jesus has asked for.

We wish you a very happy and holy Christmas.

We ask that Jesus Bless you and your families.

Thank you.

Patrick Rushe, Patrick O'Kane and all the servants.

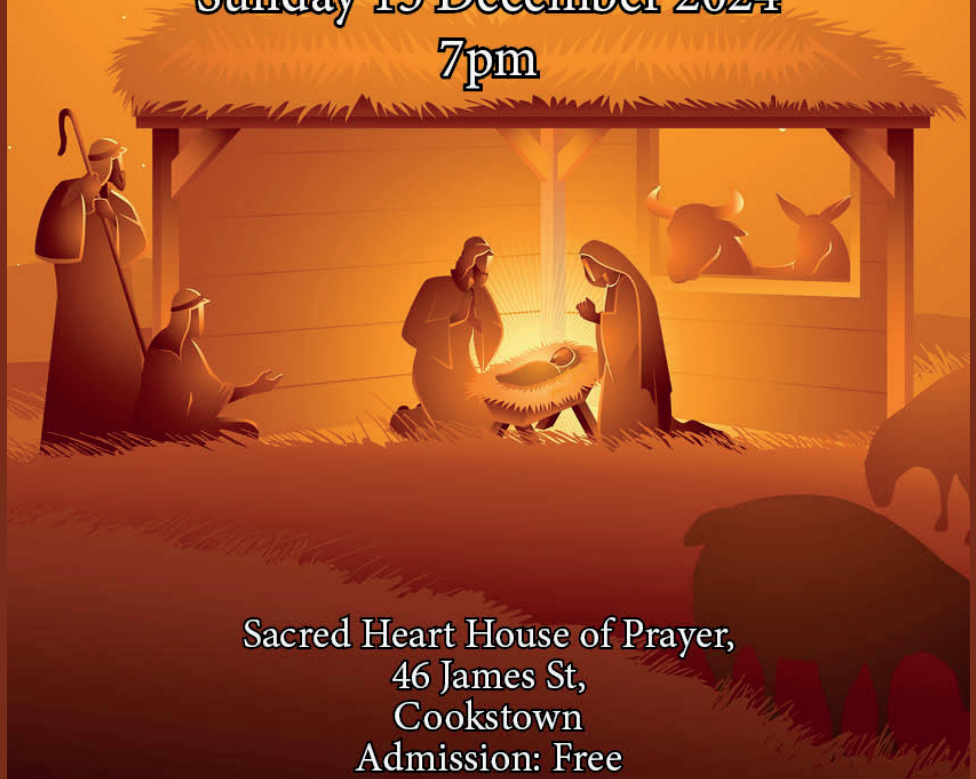


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Christmas Carol Service

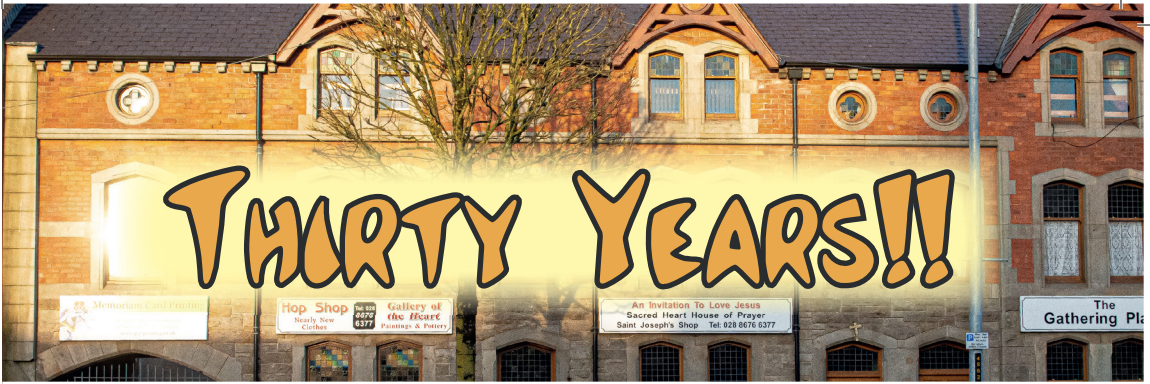
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Sunday 15 December 2024
7pm



Sacred Heart House of Prayer,
46 James St,
Cookstown
Admission: Free

There will be a small raffle in aid of work in HoP



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:

Journey to God began

My thirty-year Journey to God began in 1992 before the House of Prayer opened. My husband met Patrick O’Kane at his Rosary Group and later Patrick visited us and we became good friends. Patrick then said that he had met a man who was receiving Messages from Jesus and would bring him down to meet us. My first thought was “he can stay where he is, I don’t want to meet him.” My husband said he would love to meet him.

To my surprise

So, Patrick Rushe arrived one evening with Patrick O’Kane. To my surprise, I liked him straight away and spent the evening talking about everything that was happening in my life at the time. I had just lost my sister six months earlier to cancer and was finding it hard to cope with things.

A Loving and Merciful God

Through the two Patricks, I

learned that Jesus was a Loving and Merciful God. I always had faith and said my prayers but that was it. I never took the time to get to know Jesus.

Drawn to Jesus more deeply

Through the Messages of Love, in the early days, I was drawn to Jesus more deeply. The two Patricks began to have meetings in private homes, and I attended all of these.

Progress in the House

Jesus talked about a House of Prayer to be opened where His Messages would go forth into the world. In 1994 it was opened. It was one small House at the time, a Prayer Room, a room to sit in and a small kitchen. Over the years it became three Houses as well as a building out the back, Saint John of the Cross. We now have a much bigger Prayer Room, dining room and number of bedrooms.

When I think back, Jesus has done so much, not only in progress in the House of Prayer but also in my life. I don’t know what would have happened to me if it wasn’t for Jesus.

Thankful to Jesus

I have a lot to be thankful to Jesus for. I also have a lot of things in my life to get rid of and have still a lot of self to die to. My Path

to Jesus, over thirty years, has been hard and the Journey has not ended.

I will keep on going with His Grace and do my best to fight the

self, daily. Thank You, Jesus, for everything, I cannot thank You enough.

Maybe one day I will be the servant that You called me to be.



Advent: A Sacred Ache

by Claire Dwyer

Shattered the silence

The baby's wail rang through the church, reverberating through the air, an audible avalanche.

It shattered the silence after communion with such piercing power I was momentarily stunned. The mother had already retreated to the back of the building - no doubt frantically trying to soothe her child. As we knelt, the despairing screams continued, escalating in intensity.

It was strange, I noticed, almost as if I was observing myself from the outside - but my prayer suddenly deepened. Rather than being distracted, I found myself entering into the cry itself. Or rather, letting it enter into me, giving voice to prayers I had not dared to pray, pain I had not dared to cry about. The cry became a prayer that ran over me and in me like a river.

Inside, I wailed

On the outside, I was collected and still. My hands were folded and my face was tranquil.

Inside, I wailed.

The cries ran through me like

strong currents, up and down, up and down. There was nothing in me but cry. Nothing but a long, breathless lament.

I felt it physically in me like it was alive.

Strangely, too, it was more than just my cry. It was the sound of suffering, almost other-worldly. It seemed like centuries of ache coursing through me. It blew through caverns in me I didn't know were there. I gave in to it. I gave it space to wail itself out.

It was one of the most sacred, mysterious moments I've ever known.

And when it all subsided, I left Mass that day a different woman, emotionally spent and at the same time new.

Whole Advent experience

I think, now, as we enter the new liturgical year, that what I felt that day is something of the whole Advent experience, which could be summed up in two words: Awaken and Ache.

Because initially, Advent is a season to be startled. To be shaken out of complacency. When we are

lulled to sleep by life, the Lord uses suffering as well as joy to shake us awake, "for somehow the coming of God and the shaking of mankind are connected," wrote Fr. Alfred Delp before he was executed by the Nazis in 1945.

The foolish virgins

There is a scene in the play *The Jeweler's Shop*, written by Karol Wojtyla (later Pope John Paul II), in which one of the characters, Anna, is out on the street, longing for love and happiness, wanting to be seen. The priest figure, Adam, stops her and says to her:

"And now look over there. Those are the foolish virgins. They are asleep and they are laying by the wall. One has even rolled across the pavement and fallen into the gutter.

To you it seems that they are asleep in those recesses, but in reality they too are walking down the street. They are walking in their sleep. They are walking in a lethargy - they have a dormant space in them. You now feel that space in you, because you too were falling asleep. I have come to wake you. I think I am in time."

Maybe we think we are awake already. Sometimes, we do not realize how asleep we actually are.

Stuff ourselves with earthly things

Years ago, while taking heavy pain medication during a vacation in California, I slept through an earthquake. I awoke long enough to realize that the room was lurching side-to-side. I heard feet running in the hotel hallway

and I heard screaming outside. Groggily I thought, "This must be an earthquake."

And then I fell back asleep.

I was horrified when I did awaken. I had no idea how much the drugs I'd been taking for an infection had compromised my judgment and how sick I actually was. But isn't that what happens when we stuff ourselves with earthly things - alcohol, food, shopping, social media, noise - so that we don't feel what we don't want to feel?

Drugged and numb, we are unable to experience real longing. Deep desire.

The very things - the only things - that make us capable of Advent.

Sleeping through

Yes, we are capable of sleeping through Christ's coming - his coming to us in the Eucharist, as we daydream through Mass. Or sleeping through His presence in other people, as we gaze right through them, preoccupied with our thoughts. Or remaining unmoved by the suffering of others, allowing ourselves to become accustomed and comfortable with other people's pain.

And yes, it is possible, terrifyingly possible, that if we do not allow ourselves to be shaken we will sleep through the Divine piercing our humanity with His very Person.

Should stir us

But the Church is a mother, opening the blinds and letting in the light - yes, it is only a thin strip of dawn now, but it should stir us out of sleep. This early Advent is

the pale promise of a morning: I have come to wake you. I think I am in time.

A great rebellion in us

Why is it so important that we be awake?

Because only someone awake can ache. And only someone awake can really wait.

For thousands of years, God's chosen people waited and ached for the Messiah.

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

Psalm 13:1

But we are not only half-asleep, we also have no idea how to wait. And we are completely uncomfortable with waiting.

We used to have no choice. The rhythm of the earth kept our time and there was no escaping the seasons...there were seasons for strawberries and seasons for squash and seasons for allowing the earth to sleep under snow. And we lived by seasons, earthly and liturgical.

We allowed ourselves to be obedient to them.

But there is a great rebellion in us still, and we think we have learned how to be free of time.

After all, we can buy strawberries in January at the store down the street. But if there is a line at the check-out, we grab our phone and check our messages. After all, we are busier than we've ever been. We don't want to waste even a sliver of space in our day.

Have found only slavery

I googled "how to manage time"

and found 8.4 billion results.

The irony is that rather than freedom, we have found only slavery as we tried to harness hours and make them conform to our desires. Somehow we have come to fear emptiness and so we manage it by filling it—until we not only cannot find time, we cannot find ourselves.

"Freedom is encounter," says Fr. Delp. "Not contrariness, rebellion, or arrogance...if man sets out upon this Advent road, he will be granted the great encounter, for man's liberation happens as an encounter."

The thing is, we can't encounter something - Someone - unless we have first been without it.

And so another grace of Advent is to plunge ourselves into our own need, to feel it, run our fingers over it, taste it. Experience ache. So that we are capable of the divine encounter we call Christmas.

Interior poverty

This sober waiting is to enter into the thousands of years of waiting of a people aware of their own desperate interior poverty and to be obedient to a liturgy that exists to not only remind us of that Long Sacred Ache but to make it present again in mystery.

The best way to awaken and to ache is to intentionally enter into the liturgy this Advent. The Mass, the readings, the hymns, the candles.

Inside, we will hold vigil

The world has already erupted into a riot of colour and secular songs of celebration. But inside,

we will hold vigil. We will tell our hearts to be still and watchful.

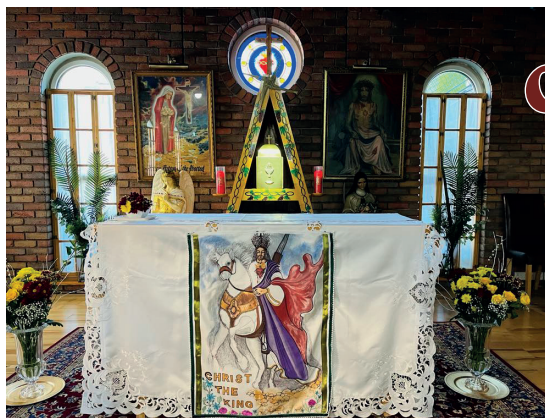
We will wait.

“In the same way that lies have gone out from people’s hearts, penetrating throughout the world and destroying it, so should—and so will—the truth begin its healing service within our hearts. “Light the candles wherever you

can, you have them. They are a real symbol of what must happen in Advent, what Advent must be, if we want to live.” – Fr. Alfred Delp

I have come to wake you. I think I am in time.

<https://www.clairedwyer.com/advent-a-long-sacred-ache/>



Christ the King and Advent

Christ the King

On Sunday 24 November, we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. SonLight sang at the 12pm Mass in the local chapel. The songs were all appropriate to the Feast Day and raised our hearts to see Jesus both as the Mighty King of all Creation and as the Suffering King who spilled His precious Blood for us all.

At 3pm in the House of Prayer, we continued with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a music Prayer Meeting, after which the two Patricks spoke in the dining room.

Dying to self

The two Patrick's talk was very much centred around the theme of dying to self. They spoke

of how, if we are not dying to ourselves, then we are not on the Path to Jesus. They also spoke of our blindness to our own sin, for example, many of us Christians think that we do not really sin. We are blind to our habitual sin. They gave an example of greed. Jesus tells us ‘need and not greed’ but how many of us eat too much at the dinner table or for breakfast eat more than what we need to fuel our bodies? This is greed, which is a sin, and, for many of us, it is habitual sin. This was only one example that they gave but for me it really stood out because I know I am so guilty of this sin and, continuously guilty. So, if I start to pull back from the table and work on portion control, then I am fighting the greed in my own life. This fight will spread to other areas of my life where maybe I am greedy or maybe remove more

scales from my eyes so I begin to see other habitual sin.

How we celebrate Christmas

The talks actually reminded me of the many Messages Jesus has given through the years about Christmas and how we celebrate it.

On Saturday 14 December 2002, Jesus said:

Children of the Light, I call you to recognise My Voice. I call you in these days of Advent to turn away from this world and its ways.

I tell you, My children, Christmas is not a time of greed. It should be a time to celebrate My Birth in this world.

In Truth, I tell you, the only thing that is celebrated is the birth of sin in this world. You go out into this world, children, and you spend more money than you have. This is greed. Greed is not My Way, it is the way of lucifer. Too long have I watched My children celebrating this time of My Birth in greed and self; while others go hungry; while you sit at your tables eating meals that you cannot finish; consuming great quantities of alcohol, which brings about the downfall of many.

I say wake up, children, and realise what you are doing. lucifer dances around you, laughing at how you celebrate My Birth. he taunts Me, jeering and laughing at My people as they go to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, on the Day of My Birth and all your minds are full of, children, is food, television, alcohol and self. I am nowhere to be seen.

Truth to penetrate us

We can simply read this Message and set it aside thinking ‘ahh that’s awful, poor Jesus’ OR we can allow its Truth to penetrate us, convict us and then, act on it.

Advent is the perfect time to really begin to die to ourselves. It is a preparation time, a time where we are supposed to celebrate Love being born in this world, a time where we can prepare to, one day, be with Christ our King in Heaven. It is a time where we can show other people that Jesus lives in us by the way we treat them.

Striking

On Tuesday 23 December 2003, Jesus said, “...Look around you, children. Where am I in your lives in this the time of My Birth? All you can think of is yourselves and the worldly goods that you can purchase. It is the time of My greatest Suffering; it is the time of greed when all My people indulge in self...”

What is striking about this Message is that Jesus isn’t talking about the world here, He is talking about ‘My people’. That’s us, you and me who are on this Journey to Him. We indulge in self and cause Jesus Pain.



Claim Christmas back

It is time to claim Christmas back, to give back to Jesus. There are so many small ways that we can do this.

We can take on what the two Patricks said about greed, or another sin, and work on that. We can take time each day in prayer to be with Jesus in this "the time of My greatest Suffering". We can do as He asked on Sunday 16 December 2007. "...I ask each one of you to do a kindness to someone in need and offer it to Me, unknown to anyone. This is a beginning..."

A good way to teach our children about Advent is to get a Christmas stocking on the first day of Advent. Encourage the children to say a

prayer for someone in need or offer a sacrifice in secret, write it down and put it in the stocking and on Christmas morning present it to Jesus as their gift to Him.

Jesus first and ourselves last

There are so many things we can do, all we have to do is think of Jesus first and ourselves last.

On each day of Advent, we will be posting on our Messages of Love Facebook page (**MessagesOfLovetheTwoPatricks**) some of the Messages that Jesus has given for Advent and Christmas. If we take a little time to read these each day, it may help keep us focused!

God Bless you all and have a happy, holy Christmas.

5 WAYS TO REALLY PREPARE YOUR FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

There was little preparation

A few years ago I was asked by a friend if I celebrate Christmas any differently as a Catholic as opposed to when I was Protestant.

It's an interesting question.

Like most Protestants, we didn't really follow a detailed liturgical calendar. In my experience, everything was mostly all about Christmas day.

There was little preparation.

Little anticipation.

Frankly, I think this is one of the reasons that Christmas almost

always disappointed.

Focused

There's all kinds of build up to this one day – maybe go to a Christmas service, maybe read a passage from the Bible before you eat, people come over, you open some presents, watch some tv, and it's over.

And there's always such emphasis on the presents that if you don't get something really good, then it wasn't really a good Christmas.

(Although one year I got a sweet, light blue, linen, Miami Vice-to-

the-hilt blazer...best gift ever!)
Of course, if I had been a more holy youth I would have been more focused on Jesus than presents. And I'm sure a lot of our Separated Brethren are far more focused than I was.

But my point is that the lack of Advent preparation made it more difficult for me to focus in on what was most important.

Prepare

The truth is that the Church's liturgical calendar really helps us prepare.

Just like Easter is sweeter when you fully embrace Lent, Christmas is more glorious when you dive into Advent.

So here are 5 ways to help you and your family prepare for Christmas:

1. Bring out a creche (in North America this is a representation of the nativity scene) and hide baby Jesus.

This helps the little ones understand that we're awaiting Jesus' coming into the world. (Just today, my five year old Benedict - while looking at the creche - yelled, "Hey! Where's baby Jesus?" This gave my wife a chance to explain that Advent is a time of expectation.)

Of course, the younger kids like to play with the figures. So if you haven't bought one, get one that's not breakable. (We love the Fontanini set.)

2. Pray around an Advent wreath every night.

This is one of my favorite Advent traditions. In our family, we sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

and pray a Hail Mary. The kids love it. Candles, Mystery, darkness and light. If we forget to do it for some reason, they remind us. (They also fight over who gets to blow out the candles.)

3. Advent calendar with chocolate. It makes the days of Advent fun and something special. (And provides another opportunity to fight over whose turn it is to open the little door to eat the chocolate:)

4. It's a little late now, but every year we really celebrate St. Nicholas' Feast Day (Dec. 6).

My wife sets it all up with stockings full of candy and other little presents. It's a great day of fun that helps make Advent fun and reminds us that St. Nicholas isn't some rotund figure in velour you pay money to talk to for 30 seconds in the mall.

5. A few times we've had the kids each pick a charity for us to donate to.

This teaches them that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). (Yep...that's not just a Hallmark card. It's scripture!)

Just the beginning

Of course, the point of all of this is that the reality of Christmas starts before December 25th.

In fact, December 25th itself isn't even the end. Don't forget that we go on to celebrate the entire octave of Christmas. Christmas Day is just the beginning, both of the celebration and our salvation! Have a blessed rest of Advent!

Matthew

<https://www.scienceofsainthood.com/blog/5-ways-to-really-prepare-your-family-for-christmas?>



Selected Christmas Messages

Tuesday 23 December 2003

My people, I Love you. Once again, we come to the time of My Birth; once again you have forgotten Me in favour of this world. What have I done to offend you, My people? Why have you forgotten Me?

Look around you, children. Where am I in your lives in this the time of My Birth? All you can think of is yourselves and the worldly goods that you can purchase. It is the time of My greatest Suffering; it is the time of greed when all My people indulge in self.

I Love you, My people, and I call you to look and see what you are doing; see the influence of the evil one in your lives as he mocks the time of My Birth through your lack of caring. I say again, I Love you but this love is not returned. I Love you.

Saturday 1 December 2007

My children, you are now entering the Season of Peace, the time of My Birth yet, I am forgotten in favour of this world. Now, it is a time of self and greed; a time of hardship and pain.

Look around you; look at what this world does to celebrate My Birth. Look at your own lives, where am I? How long must I wait for you to see the Truth of My Ways? I have

Warned and told you what would happen if you do not change but still, you refuse to listen and you continue with your untruth, your unlove.

Yet, you expect Me to understand it is all done for the good of your need, in other words, the needs of self. I have told you to die to self; the more you feed self, the more self will expect. So your excuses mean nothing in My sight for they are your greed being justified in your minds.

Turn away from your sin and come back to Me, it is need and not greed that you should be looking to follow. Think, children, think of what you are doing. I Love you and call you back in this time of My Birth. I, your Jesus, Love you. Come, I await your response.

Sunday 16 December 2007

My children, I Love you. Remember, this season is the time of My Birth and not a time of greed. It is a time to show My Love to all men. I ask each one of you to do a kindness to someone in need and offer it to Me, unknown to anyone. This is a beginning, children, this is like taking your first step towards Me and My Ways. See those who are in need for when you help them you help

Me. Remember, I am within all peoples, I dwell within all men's hearts, if you give a cup of cold water to the least of your brothers you give it to Me. Remember the festive season is about celebrating My Birth, remember Me, My children, for I am like a pauper begging you for help. You will please Me children, if you do this for Me. I, your Jesus, Love you and I thank you.

Monday 22 December 2008

I have given you many Words in the lead up to the time of My Birth so that you could see and understand the Ways of Love. You do not need the material goods of this world to celebrate the Ways of Love. You do not need the things of this world in order to come to Me.

I Love you, My children, and I want you to know Me for who I am. I am a God of simplicity and My Ways are Love.

I Love you and I call to you in these Words to come follow Me.

I Love you and await your response. I, your Jesus, Love you.

**Thursday 24 December 2009
For Christmas Day**

Children of Mine, I Love you. Today, I open My Most Sacred Heart and I give you My Light and My Love in this dark time in this world. It is My Blessing to you on this Christmas. My Heart is open and shines forth its Light like My Birthplace was open to all those who came to visit Me. Each presented Me a gift and each left

with the Gift of My Love. My Heart is open wide to you to come and receive My Love. I Love you. Remember Me this Christmas.

Saturday 24 December 2011

Look now and see the Truth of this world; see the lies as it prepares for My Birth.

See how the world has turned the Day of My Birth into a day of greed, a celebration of self.

This has been brought about by the lies of lucifer and My people have listened.

The Day of My Birth should be celebrated in love and humility.

It should be a Day to help those who are in need.

It should be the Day that many are brought to My Side through your love, your caring and your prayers. But, I tell you the Truth, it is the Day that I am forgotten.

It is the Day that I am whipped by the sins of self.

I am forgotten and sin is celebrated.

This is Truth, children, you sit within My churches and you do not think of Me, rather, you think of your gifts, your food, your parties and alcohol.

Is this what I am, children? A God of greed?

Look at the Truth. I Love you.

Sunday 23 December 2018

My children, such a short time and I will be with you. I am the small Voice that calls to you from within you. Hear Me!

I will bring you on a Path that will take you to Me, a Path that will be difficult for it will take the very

self from you and give you a new self: a self that is healed from the blindness of this world, a self that knows Me in abundance.

A short time is left to you like the time that is left to you before My Birth. I come, even in this modern time, to be Born in you. I am the Child who carries the Light, if you do not accept that Light, you will remain in darkness and in the darkness of ignorance of the Light that I shine in your life. This Light is My Life, this Light is My Wisdom; it is the Spirit of My Father come to live in you, to give you the Graces needed to die to the self that keeps you from Me.

Soon now, you will question more than you have ever questioned; soon you will see more than you have ever thought possible to see and your eyes will wish they had never seen such things. All this comes from the lack of Me in your life for you cannot serve two masters.

Such a short time, children, the Warnings are given to you with Love. Heed them! Hear Me!

Saturday 25 December 2021

Christmas Day

Trust Me, My children, I am your God and on this Day of My Birth I say, Peace is the thing that you are missing from this Day; if you do not have Love then you will not find Peace. You have allowed this Day to be taken over by the desires of self. You would rather go and seek fulfilment in the things of this world rather than finding Me and gaining True Peace and Love.

I come to destroy all that you have built in your lies and lust. I will bring Truth back to Christmas for you have all but destroyed the meaning of Christmas with greed, lies and lust, with all the things that are not of Me.

Come to Me in Truth and know the True meaning of My Birth. Trust Me.

I Love you.

Friday 9 December 2022

Believe, children of Mine, and experience this Season of Joy as My Birth brought Freedom to this world. Trust Me and believe in the Words I speak and let My Love penetrate your hearts so that you can begin to experience My Peace in your lives.

So many have grown cold and Love can no longer find rest in them. So, so many have closed their hearts and now only walk the path to hell.

Trust Me, children, and pray for those in need of My Love and We, together, will bring Life back to My people. Trust Me and walk this Path with Me.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Friday 15 December 2023

My children, it comes to the time when mankind celebrates My Birth but you have forgotten Me and My Love for you.

Children, come back to Me and ignore the calls of this world and its glitter.

Trust Me and find Peace within Me at this time.

This is a time to accept My Love and give it to those around you. Trust Me, children, and love your

brothers and sisters. Trust Me, children. I Love you.



Important Message from Jesus

This Message was given by Jesus in 1999. We felt that, considering the state of the world currently, the Church, all the wars etc, and in light of the recent Messages, that it would be good if as many of us as possible would do this Message again and offer it for the same intentions.

Friday 8 October 1999

I am with you until the end of time and always for I Love you. Do Me the honour, My children, of receiving Me in earnest for the Salvation of the world. Receive Me in a state of Grace - and offering all the days in between - for the consecutive Sundays of the month of December and this will be your gift to Me to celebrate two thousand years of My coming upon the earth to make a new covenant with the world. This I ask of as many as it is possible to inform between now and the first Sunday. This would be most precious to My Heart and I will save many souls and call them to Myself through Sanctifying Grace. I Love you.

Explanation

This means that Jesus wishes as many people as possible to receive Him in Holy Communion each Sunday in a state of Grace that comes after confession and to offer it to Him for the Salvation of the world.

He also asks that we offer to Him all the weekdays through our morning offering all our works, prayers and sacrifices to Him for the same intentions.

What Jesus wants

1. Go to Confession
2. Receive Jesus in a state of Grace for the four Sundays in December
3. Offer all our days in between each Sunday, for the salvation of the world; that is offer all our prayers, our sacrifices, our sufferings, our dying to self, everything, for the salvation of the world.

This is but a little gift we could give to Jesus, for His Birthday.



CROSSES AND CANDLES

We have recently been asked by a few people about the Messages where Jesus asked us to put Crosses on our doors and lighted candles in our porches so we thought we would reprint these for everyone.

**Wednesday 18 January 1995
Wembley**

Now is the time, My sons, to put up My Cross in your porches and your vestibules, both back and front of your houses for the time when you will need protection is here. As the people of Israel poured the blood of the slaughtered lamb upon their door lintels, so too, you must put the symbol of the shedding of My Precious Blood on yours. For this is Preparation time. Put lighted candles which are blessed by My Priests in your windows at each dusk-time and by these symbols My Angels shall know you. Do this with Peace in your hearts and not fear. Say My Chaplet of Love often and await the events of this world. DO NOT BE AFRAID, but remain in MY PEACE which I have bequeathed to you until I come. I Love you.

**Thursday 16 January 1997
Cavan**

I am the God of Light. Why do

you seek the darkness, rather than the Light, My children? Why dress yourselves in the soiled clothes of evil? Come away from all the evil of this world.

I am Calling all My Prophets, Seers and Visionaries to stand up now and prophesy against the freemasons of this world, for many of you take their part. Do not allow yourselves to be fooled by the sweet talk of the serpent with the many forked tongue. I call all of you together so that the world may see that you can be one and that you are Mine.

I have taken much from this world. I stood by while they beat Me with their idolatries. I have not interfered with their free will but



now, soon, is the day of reckoning, when My Spirit shall show the world the difference between right and wrong. Change now, children, and you will not be in the number who will gnash and weep; for I tell you, within a three and a three and a two, he shall be among you. Believe now and repent. Light the candles in the windows and place the Crosses upon your doors. It is the sign that is needed, for in it My Spirit will see that you belong to the God of Light. I Love you and these Words are Words of Love's Warning to you - but how many will listen? Look for Truth

and live it.

Wednesday 12 November 1997

Children, I ask of you to burn your candles in your windows now for longer. I tell you to burn them until the hour of twelve in your night. This is the time to do this. Make sure that your Crucifixes are upon your doors both back and front.

I have told you that these are signs. My Angels will look for them and soon. Do as I ask now. I Love you all. Prepare as I have asked of you for this is a time of great darkness in the world.

First Friday Vigil

First Friday Vigils

Of all the activities within the House of Prayer, the First Friday Vigils have become probably my favourite. A few hours out of my life, on an evening when the vast majority of the world is out enjoying itself, given to Jesus as an act of reparation for the sins against Jesus.

Our First Friday Vigils began in March 1997. Since then, with the odd exception and of course that period where we were forced not to hold them during the Covid pandemic, we have held the Vigil every First Friday. Since early 2020, with the arrival of Jesus



in the Blessed Sacrament to the House, the format has changed.

Began as a giving

The First Friday Vigils are one of the few things that Jesus did not ask for within the House, Himself. They began as a giving by the servants to help with the renewal of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart. We offer it, as mentioned in the introduction to the Stations of the Cross given by Jesus to the two Patricks, "In reparation for all the

offences committed against You (Jesus) in the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament” and “in repentance for our own sins, and the sins of our brothers and sisters in this world.”

Stations given by Jesus

We begin our Vigil with these Stations. They are a powerful meditation on what Jesus did for each and every one of us. To me, the fifth Station sums up the Vigils. They are an opportunity for us to be Simon for a short period of time - “Let me, in this Journey, be a Simon for You. Let me help to carry this Burden by offering it as an Act of Love to You”. In practicing this for a short period of time, it encourages me to bring this offering into the rest of my life and to have more moments where I can be Simon for Jesus through my dying to self and sacrifices.

Now, having the privilege of the Blessed Sacrament in repose in the Prayer Room, allows us to include a Holy Hour during our Vigils. SonLight leads us in this through song and silence.

A small sacrifice

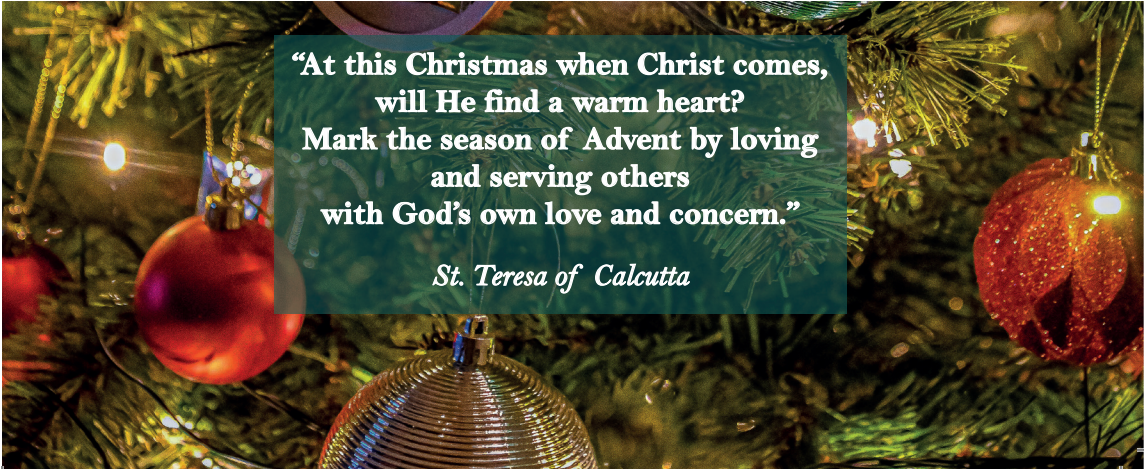
After our tea break, the final hour and a half includes the Rosary, Chaplets, hymns, Messages and

times of silence. The second half is always a bit of a challenge. After a long day, the body yearns comfort, rest and sleep and, for me, this hits in around midnight. So the second half can be a bit of struggle but, in the bigger picture, it is a small sacrifice compared to what others have to offer. But even our smallest offering, when united to Jesus’ Great Sacrifice, can do much.

An act of reparation

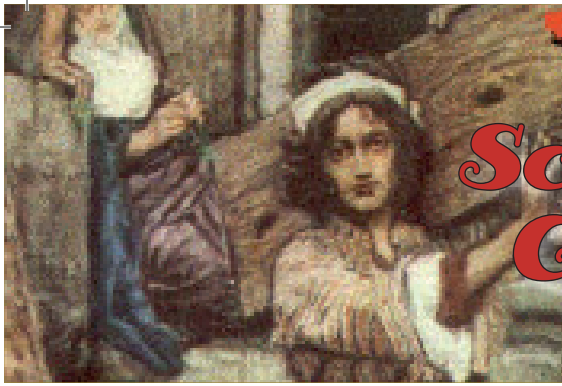
I would encourage you to come and be part of these Vigils. It is just a few hours out of the month. But with so many of our brothers and sisters in need of our prayers, giving up a few hours to spend in intentional prayer, with Jesus as an act of reparation, is really just a small thing we can easily do. I don’t really understand how reparation works, how my tiny, tiny offering can help in any way, but reparation is something that Jesus has asked for, so I just do it and leave the rest in His Hands.

We have accommodation available if you are travelling a distance and these are held on the First Friday of every month from 10pm - 2am.



**“At this Christmas when Christ comes,
will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by loving
and serving others
with God’s own love and concern.”**

St. Teresa of Calcutta



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 senate had gathered to discuss the impending death of Herod and what should be done about Judea when he died. The old men sat in boredom and their minds on other things while Augustus filled them with reports from his officials in Jerusalem. They expressed concern about who would be 'King of the Jews' on Herod's death.

"It will be one of his sons, of course. Herod's dynasty is not yet founded and it will take all of his wit, now, to keep it running after his death. Herod has three sons and all of them are potential kings but not one of them has the military prowess of his father. Look how when I bestowed the title upon him it only took him three years to sit on the throne. It was a major achievement on his behalf. He has built towns and

cities and temples and even a few towers for his own amusement. He has kept Jerusalem in check these last years and has saved us the bother. It was a good idea to put Herod on the throne. Herod's sons know little of how it is to run a country, of that I am certain. One or all of his sons will take over the running of the country and we will keep an eye on it. But, gentlemen, from what I know of Herod, I would rather be his pig than his son."

Within the week all the heads of the great families of Israel had gathered in Jerusalem at Herod's request and as Herod's guests and none were happy but none defied him. There was none of the usual pomp and ceremony attached to their arrival and many arrived unannounced and under cover of darkness. The younger, fitter ones came on horseback and the older ones came by cart. They had left all their official business to come here and they were none too pleased about the summons to the palace. They gathered now in Herod's throne room awaiting their king. They had been waiting two hours and were in a foul mood. Although they feared him, they were indignant and many

discussed how outraged they were and how they would tell him that he could not treat them like this.

When Herod entered it was in a sweep of white robes. His face was heavily powdered to try to disguise the illness that devoured him. The rouge that had been put on was overdone and Herod looked like a clown in his bid to look healthy. No one spoke of their indignant feelings when he entered. His body was bloated and he was surrounded by an aura of perfumes, which caught the breath of many.

Herod's guests were shocked by his appearance and the shock was audible. Eight strong servants, whose muscles could be seen straining under the pressure of his weight, carried his bloated body in on a litter. The king of the Jews was a mockery to behold. "Ah, my pretty friends," he said sarcastically, "you have arrived at last. I would like to begin by thanking you for giving up your time for me. It flatters me that you could love me so much. As you can see", he swept a hand across his body to indicate, "the rumours about my impending death are quite untrue. I am as healthy as ever and still very much in control of my kingdom." He looked around the room at the sea of faces. He was the master of their fate now, he would make sure that they knew that he was still king. If Israel was not prepared to mourn him then perhaps they would mourn these; its most highly respected citizens. He

smiled; at least he would not die alone. Inside himself he could feel the weakening body begin to sag. He could feel the sweat of exertion and the lack of opiates devour his strength. The sweat was forming beads on his forehead and caking the powder. He must get out of here. He must get it over and done with. Herod clapped his hands.

From every door that led out of or into the throne room, Roman soldiers appeared, running in to line the walls of the room. They stood to attention awaiting Herod's orders. Gasps of horror greeted their arrival from the men who stood there; realising that they were a fly caught in the spider's web. They shouted at Herod and he smiled. He held up his hand for silence and the men quieted hoping that he would give them some explanation for his behaviour.

"Well, my pretty friends, I believe that you will cooperate with me on this little scheme. I am so glad of your assistance." Herod's eyes burned at them. He bowed his head to them in a mock gesture.

Herod then addressed the centurion who had come up to stand beside his litter, which was still on the shoulders of its bearers. "My good Maximus, will you please escort these friends of mine to the racing ground and show them to their quarters. And be sure that they are well secured." Herod addressed the now concerned group of men. "My friends, please go to your quarters with these good soldiers.

Do not resist them for they have my express orders to kill any of you who do not cooperate with them. I thank you, gentlemen, and I bid you farewell for it is doubtful that we will meet again.”

The air of fear hit the room and it was audible like the beating of a drum. The men began to protest loudly to Herod about

their treatment and to demand to know what he was going to do with them. Some complained about being under the power of the hated Roman. But Herod was already being carried out on his litter. They put him back upon his couch exhausted and weak. He fell into a deep sleep.

Continued next month

Forgive & ALWAYS Forget

Turn the other cheek

When someone hurts us, we are plagued with all sorts of thoughts, past hurts, that person's faults, what to say now, what to do now and often, when we act in haste, we act without God. Scripture tells us to turn the other cheek when someone strikes us; for how many of us is this our first response, or even the second?

38 You have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.

39 But I say to you not to resist evil: but if one strike thee on thy right cheek, turn to him also the other:

40 And if a man will contend with thee in judgment, and take away thy coat, let go thy cloak also unto him.

41 And whosoever will force thee one mile, go with him other two,

42 Give to him that asketh of thee



and from him that would borrow of thee turn not away.

43 You have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thy enemy.

44 But I say to you, Love your enemies: do good to them that hate you: and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you:

45 That you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven, who maketh his sun to rise upon the good, and bad, and raineth upon the just and the unjust.

46 For if you love them that love you, what reward shall you have? do not even the publicans this?

47 And if you salute your brethren only, what do you more? do not also the heathens this?

48 Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect.
Matthew 5:38-48

Feeding a 'self life'

The world says forgive but never forget but I read once that to even remember a past fault of someone can be a way of feeding a 'self life'! We often think if I remember the fault and say words of forgiveness in my head, the fault is forgiven. But how many times do we recall the fault? This is self not letting us truly forgive or let go of the hurt! When we go to Confession, Jesus not only Forgives us our sins but erases them! This is true Forgiveness and healing! Therefore, if we dive deeper into this Scripture passage in Matthew, is it calling us to immediately forgive and also forget the first slap to the cheek and so the other cheek is a start over – a possible moment for our opponent to witness true love and to recollect themselves before another action is taken.

The plank in our own eye

Our first thought in a fight or retaliation against us should be to look at our own fault and part in the situation. In other words, look at the plank in our own eye and not the splinter in our opponent's which, in truth, can be the first and, sometimes the only thing in sight.

Of course, there are times even our best efforts will not be received with open arms by our opposer, in that case, we leave them with God. We are called to remember love above all else and work on the

sin in our lives which will be ever present in some shape or form until the day we die.

Love anyway

I pray I can choose love over unlove, forgiveness over grudges and recall happy memories over the failings of others. Saint Clare of Assisi said "Love that cannot suffer is not worthy of that name". Therefore, even when our love is not received or even understood, love anyway and trust that our Lord's Ways are not ours "for as the heavens are exalted above the earth, so are my ways exalted above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts."
Isaiah 55:9



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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

To this end, we need to make our own the ancient pastoral wisdom which, without prejudice to their authority, encouraged Pastors to listen more widely to the entire People of God. Significant is Saint Benedict's reminder to the Abbot of a monastery, inviting him to consult even the youngest members of the community: "By the Lord's inspiration, it is often a younger person who knows what is best". And Saint Paulinus of Nola urges: "Let us listen to what all the faithful say, because in every one of them the Spirit of God breathes".

While the wisdom of the law, by providing precise rules for participation, attests to the hierarchical structure of the Church and averts any temptation to arbitrariness or unjustified claims, the spirituality of communion, by prompting a trust and openness wholly in accord with the dignity and responsibility of every member of the People of God, supplies institutional reality with a soul.

The diversity of vocations

46. Such a vision of communion

is closely linked to the Christian community's ability to make room for all the gifts of the Spirit. The unity of the Church is not uniformity, but an organic blending of legitimate diversities. It is the reality of many members joined in a single body, the one Body of Christ (*cf. 1 Cor 12:12*). Therefore the Church of the Third Millennium will need to encourage all the baptized and confirmed to be aware of their active responsibility in the Church's life. Together with the ordained ministry, other ministries, whether formally instituted or simply recognized, can flourish for the good of the whole community, sustaining it in all its many needs: from catechesis to liturgy, from the education of the young to the widest array of charitable works.

Certainly, a generous commitment is needed — above all through insistent prayer to the Lord of the harvest (*cf. Mt 9:38*) — in promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This is a question of great relevance for the life of the Church in every part of

the world. In some traditionally Christian countries, the situation has become dramatic, due to changed social circumstances and a religious disinterest resulting from the consumer and secularist mentality. There is a pressing need to implement an extensive *plan of vocational promotion*, based on personal contact and involving parishes, schools and families in the effort to foster a more attentive reflection on life's essential values. These reach their fulfilment in the response which each person is invited to give to God's call, particularly when the call implies a total giving of self and of one's energies to the cause of the Kingdom.

It is in this perspective that we see the value of all other vocations, rooted as they are in the new life received in the Sacrament of Baptism. In a special way it will be necessary to discover ever more fully *the specific vocation of the laity*, called "to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering

them according to the plan of God"; they "have their own role to play in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world ... by their work for the evangelization and the sanctification of people".

Along these same lines, another important aspect of communion is the *promotion of forms of association*, whether of the more traditional kind or the newer ecclesial movements, which continue to give the Church a vitality that is God's gift and a true "springtime of the Spirit". Obviously, associations and movements need to work in full harmony within both the universal Church and the particular Churches, and in obedience to the authoritative directives of the Pastors. But the Apostle's exacting and decisive warning applies to all: "Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but test everything and hold fast what is good" (1 Th 5:19-21).

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Events to Come



Monday 9 December
**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

Prayers begin at 12pm

**WALK
AGAINST
ABORTION**

On Saturday
7 December,
gathering at 2.45pm

**Saturday
14 December
FEAST OF
SAINT JOHN
OF THE CROSS**
Prayers begin
at 12pm

**SONLIGHT'S
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**
Sunday
15 December
beginning at 7pm



**Tuesday
24 December
CHRISTMAS EVE**
At 11.30pm we
come together to
put the Baby Jesus
in the crib

**Wednesday
25 December
CHRISTMAS DAY**
Birthday party
for Jesus at 6pm

**Tuesday
31 December
NEW YEAR'S EVE**
Vigil begins
at 10pm and
ends just after
midnight to bring
the new year in
with Jesus

**Friday
3 January
FEAST OF THE
HOLY NAME**
Prayers begin at 12pm

**Friday 17 to
Sunday
19 January
DAYS
OF
LOVE**
beginning with a
concert on
Friday night

FIRST FRIDAY VIGILS
from 10pm - 2am:
3 January and 7 February 2025





Letters to the HoP



Reassuring Messages

Dear two Patricks and servants of your House of Prayer, God Bless you all and thank you for the beautiful, reassuring Messages from our Loving, Merciful God. I feel so blessed to have received them. Alice.

I pray for all of you

Dear Patricks and all who serve God, I am so inspired by the Books I found that my mother had. I took them after she had passed away. I especially liked 'A Walk With The Truth' and 'The Messages of La Salette and Garabandal'. I had not heard or read about that before. I'm so glad to learn about that. I am sending a list of books I would like to purchase... Thank you for helping me with this. I had and have such a hard time breaking through to feel anything - like I had my heart and mind blocked. Ever so slowly as I have been spending time in adoration and reading the Bible and the Messages, praying the rosary and chaplet and my favourite, the Surrender Novena. Going to Mass is now a desire and I can't wait to go. Thank you for sharing

the beautiful Prayer of Love, I say it often.

If you think there is more on the warnings that would help me understand, please recommend so I can get them also.

Thank you all for doing what is being asked of you. I pray for all of you and ask God to Bless you as you continue what He asks.

With love and gratitude, Sue.

Please remember to send in your Christmas Raffle form if you have not done so already. Thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have a Blessed Christmas!

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THE CHRIST IS BORN

an original hymn from Jesus to Patrick for SoulLight

The Christ is Born
His Love to bring
No need to mourn
It's time to sing

Gathered round the crib today
Gather round and let the Angels say
That Jesus Saviour Born today
Has come to wash our sins away

The Light of God
Born today
For all mankind
To show the way

Look and see the Angels sing
The Spirit flies upon the wing
In this poor stable burning bright
The Child for whom they sing

The Word of God
Burning bright
Ever waiting
To shine His Light

Let's not forget this Saviour's Light
As the darkness in this world we fight

On bended knee before the sight
For Jesus Christ is Born this night

Gathered round the crib today
Gather round and let the Angels say
That Jesus Saviour Born today
Has come to wash our sins away

Away
Away

Let's not forget this Saviour's Light
As the darkness in this world we fight
On bended knee before the sight
For Jesus Christ is Born this night

Gathered round the crib today
Gather round and let the Angels say
That Jesus Saviour Born today
Has come to wash our sins away
(away away)

Away

Our Lord has come to wash them away
Come to wash them away *(away)*
Come to wash them away

Instrumental Chorus SOLO



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