

*"... you can ignite  
the flame..."*

Thursday 19 August 2010





## Ignite the Flame!

### The highlight

The highlight at the House of Prayer this month was the Weekend with the Patricks. Much preparation was made and we were delighted that the House of Prayer was filled to capacity. Some people even slept on the floor!

### The best part

For me, the nightly questions and answers sessions with the Patricks were the best part. It was a great wake up call for me personally, a reminder that I must forget the world and follow Jesus!

### U.K. and Ireland

Jesus poured Grace after Grace upon us at the Weekend but, sadly, all too often, we go back into our lives again, we go back into the world, it is so easy to forget Jesus. I know I have been so distracted by the world and the many fancy things dangled in front of my eyes.

But look at the U.K. and Ireland at the minute as it crumbles! All had what they wanted, when they wanted, and God became the last thing on our minds! Why can't

we make Jesus first?

### A never-ending circle

The more we have the more we want. If we had ten sports cars, we would still want another.

We get trapped, by lucifer, in the whole vicious circle that this world is, and it is successfully taking our minds from God. Remember what Jesus said:

"...More and more glitter is being shown to you every day and you desire more and more material goods but everything is becoming more and more expensive so, in order to gain more, you need more money, so greed increases. You are caught in a never-ending circle of greed, power and lust while lucifer sits and laughs at how easily you have been blinded..."

Friday 26 March 2004

### God

We will never be happy in this world. We will never feel satisfied no matter what we have because it is God we actually seek. It is He our souls long for and search for and so many

don't even know that.

### Trapped

Remember, we are being trapped by lucifer. he is out to get us every minute of every day. And his sole aim is to take us to hell! We are blindly led about like dumb sheep and it is only by dying to ourselves that we can see and break free!

### Messages

Jesus has been telling us over and over again in the Messages to die to ourselves.

What wisdom!

When I stop myself from getting caught up in my wants and think of Jesus I am dying to myself, I am allowing that space to fill up with Jesus, instead of allowing myself to fill up with the world!

In so doing, the scales fall from my eyes and I will see as Jesus sees, I will love as Jesus Loves, I will no longer be blind!

### For Jesus' Sake

What's to stop us creating a never-ending circle of Grace? What if I died to the desire of getting that lovely expensive coat I saw and gave the money to someone who had no money so that she could buy her child a gift

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# The Messages of Love

**Monday  
20 September 2010**

### Jesus:

Trust in Me, My children, and do not doubt. When you decide to follow Me, I will be there. Do not allow the evil one to lead you from Me through fear for this is his greatest weapon; he will try to instil fear in order to chase you from Me.

I Love you, children, and I will do all that I can in your free will to keep you from falling on this Path.

Trust in Me; the more you trust, the more I can do. This should be your greatest prayer:

Jesus, I trust in You.

When I hear this prayer in true faith, then you can say to the mountain move and it will move.

Come, My little ones, and trust in Me. I, your Jesus, Love you.

### Patrick:

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Tuesday  
21 September 2010**

### Jesus:

Look for Love always and do not desert My Ways, no matter what this world does.

Do not desert the Ways of Love.

Come, follow My Teachings, follow the Teachings of Love. You say My Words are harsh: I say they are Truth and if the Truth sounds harsh to you then it is time to look at and change your life.

Truth is constant, it never changes yet, you say that My Church must change with the times.

Why is it not you that must die to self?

Look at what you want Me to change: to accept lies and untruth.

Love is pure, it contains no darkness.

You must change or you will have no place in My Kingdom; the choice is yours: Heaven or hell.

It is simple, the Ways of Love lead to Heaven, the way of sin leads to hell.

Which path will you take? The choice is yours and I await your answer.

I Love you. Come, listen, I Love you.

### Patrick:

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Monday 4 October 2010**

### Jesus:

Look only to trust, My children, and do not be afraid to follow in My Footsteps, Footsteps that lead only to Eternal Life. Come, My little ones, come and follow Me and I shall breathe new life into you. I Love you and I need your help in the Work of Salvation to bring your brothers and sisters to the safety of their God.

Come, beloved children of My Heart, and do not be afraid for My Love will guide you. Trust in Me and come, follow Me. I Love you.

### Patrick:

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Tuesday 5 October 2010**

### Jesus:

Look, My children, I give you the new Path, one that this world cannot fight against, the Path of Truth, the Path that is My Way. Come, follow Me into Life, a Life that has no ending yet it begins at the point when you say yes to Me.

I Love you, My little ones, and I call you to see the Truth of My Words. Do

not delay for there is little time left, the evil grows stronger every day and soon I must Come to cleanse My creation. I Love you, My little ones, and I await your response.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Tuesday 5 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

Come, My little children, and listen to My Voice for I am calling you to come and follow Me. I give you a Path of Truth that can only lead to Eternal Life in Me. Trust in Me, My little ones, trust in Me, your God, and do not allow this world to take you from Me. Trust, My little children, trust in Me, your God. I Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Wednesday  
6 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

Look only to Me, children, and do not be afraid to stand up for My Truth, come listen to My calls for I am in need of your help. I Love you, My little children, and I ask for your help in this Work of Salvation. Can you not see what I am speaking of?

Can you not see the darkness of this world as it tears My Truth apart and there are so few who are willing to fight against it.

Come, children, hear My calls, your brothers and

sisters are dying and I need your hands, your feet and your lips for I have no Hands but your hands, I have no Feet but your feet and no Lips but your lips.

I, Jesus, depend upon you, My children, to allow Me to Work through you. Come, listen to My calls. I Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Monday 11 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

My Love is always with you, My children. It is My Gift of Life to you. But, so many reject it in these times and are lost to eternal death. So many are unwilling to listen to My Words and so cast My Truth down so that it can be trampled underfoot. Look, look around and see that this world has become dark, it does not shine with the Light of My Love and so will fall in on itself.

Trust in Me, children, and do not be afraid for My Love is with you always. Just reach out and it is yours. Come, I, your Jesus, Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Monday 11 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

Look I call you to this Path that I lay out before you, come, My children, listen to My Voice and do not allow lucifer to deceive you any longer.

Come, listen to My Voice and do not allow self to

deny you this Path that I offer.

Come, My beloved children, I cry out to you this night and ask you for your help in this Work of Salvation. Come, listen to the cries of your God.

Come, I, your Jesus, Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Monday 11 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

Come, My little children, and listen to My Voice and do not be afraid for I am your God.

Behold My Love for it is given freely to you through these Words so that you may have Eternal Life with Me in My Father's Kingdom.

Come, beloved of My Heart, for I have much Work to do and I am in need of your help for so many are being lost for there is no one to help save them.

Come, children, and listen to My calls. I, your Jesus, Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Tuesday 12 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

Look only to the Truth, My children, and see Me. Do not allow yourselves to be deceived for there is great darkness in this world at this time. Come, My beloved children, and do not be afraid to follow Me for I am Coming. I Love you, My

little ones, I Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Tuesday 12 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

My Love is your Refuge in these times of darkness. It is only with My Love in your heart that you shall walk upon the path of safety. Do not allow the evil one to take this from you.

Look, I give you Truth but so many of you deny it and yet you know it to be the Truth within your hearts.

Come now, children, listen to My calls before it is too late.

Come now, before it is too late. I Love you. Come, children, come, I, your Jesus, Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Wednesday  
13 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

Come, My beloved children, and listen to My calls. Do not delay for time is short and the evil one stalks this earth, ready to claim any soul that is not prepared.

Come, listen, come into the safety of My Fold.

I am your God and I give these Words for your protection.

Do not delay!

I am Coming soon. I Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Wednesday  
13 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

My children, I Love you and I call you once again to listen to My Voice. You do not realise you have little time left to you. You have little time to turn away from the darkness before it envelops you.

Come, listen to My Voice and come into the safety of My Fold. Come, My beloved children, for I await your response to My calls. I cry out to you to listen to these Words so that you will know the Truth and respond. I have many Words to speak to you so that you will be able to help your brothers and sisters for they are in much danger. Come, My beloved children, and listen. I, Jesus, Love you.

Soon, children, you shall see the truth and the one who stands in the place that he should not be will change My Truth into an unrecognisable truth that will confuse My people: so that they become lost in self, and so, easy prey for the evil one. Believe Me, My children, My Scriptures are Truth, read them and recognise the Warnings I have given. You have little time left to understand My Truth before the darkness will envelop. Come now and take heed to My Warnings. I Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Thursday  
14 October 2010**

**Jesus:**

Can you not see My Words, children?

Can you not see the things that I Warn you of? Can you not see the approach of darkness? The more that you die to self, the more you will see, the easier things will become.

Come, My beloved children, open your eyes and see the Truth; see the evil that is within this world and begin to fight against it. Do not delay for time is short and there are so few to do My Work. Think of your brothers and sisters who are in need, who are in danger of being lost to eternal darkness.

Come, children of Mine, lift up and do My Work. I Love you.

**Patrick:**

*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Sunday 17 October 2010  
Weekend with the Patricks**

My children, I acknowledge your presence here and I am Present here with you. Come and drink the Words of Eternal Life that I give you in the Words that I speak to you. Go out to the whole world and spread the Gospel of Love for it is My Life.

I ask of you to prepare for the coming times for they will be dark days, seemingly endless. I ask of you to remember that it is not just you who need My Words

but those who do not know need them too. I give My Houses for you to prepare, I ask of you again to go there into the darkness of these countries without fear. They are dark because they do not have light. I am the Light that you will bring; you, My children, are not the light but I am He who lives in you.

I ask of you: do not walk but run for the Bridegroom approaches rapidly. Souls who need Me are dying because they do not have Me. You have Me: give.

**Wednesday  
20 October 2010**

**Jesus:** Look, My children, look at the Gifts that I give to you. Look, I open a Path before you so that you can travel in safety.

Come, My beloved children, and follow Me for you are living in perilous times. Come, follow Me, I Love you.

**Patrick:**  
*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Thursday  
21 October 2010**

**Jesus:** Trust in Me, My little children, trust in Me, your God, and do not be afraid to follow Me for I am Coming soon. I have promised you that I will not leave you orphans, this is why I have sent My Prophets into this world to Warn you of the coming times so that you

will remain safe in Me. Trust in Me, children, and you shall be able to walk through the darkness of this world unharmed.

I Love you, My little ones, My joy is when you turn away from sin and come follow Me in My Ways. I Love you, My little ones, I Love you.

**Patrick:**  
*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Friday 22 October 2010**

**Jesus:** Look only to Me, My children, and do not be afraid but come, follow Me for I am the Way, the Truth and the Light. Anyone who comes to Me will never know darkness only Eternal Light.

Come, follow Me, My little ones, for I am at the door and soon you shall see Me. Trust only in Me and My Ways for the darkness encroaches on every aspect of your lives, it even creeps into My Teachings through those who are not of Me. Be aware, My children, you are in great danger from those who are wolves in sheep's clothing. They say they are My followers but they are not. They wear the robes of My Church but they are infiltrators and their master is the father of lies, lucifer. Open your eyes and see the Truth that I speak of. Sin has no place in Me, yet, they promote it through their teachings. Come, children, and take

on the Warnings that I give to you, take on My Truth and you shall be safe. I Love you.

**Patrick:**  
*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Monday 25 October 2010**

**Jesus:** Come, children of Mine. Come, follow Me and do not listen to the lies of this world. I have given My All for you so that you could have Eternal Life with Me in Heaven.

What I say is Truth and you will never be led astray in the Truth. Trust in Me and the Words I give you for there is little time left. Come, children, I, your Jesus, Love you.

**Patrick:**  
*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Tuesday 26 October 2010**

**Jesus:** My Love is given to you freely so it must be given to others freely. Do as I do, children, and do not allow this world to take you from Me through greed. Trust in Me for it is in giving that you receive.

I Love you, children, and I am asking for your help in the Work of Salvation. Come, children, and listen to My Words and do not be afraid to do the things that I tell you. Come, My little ones, I Love you.

**Patrick:**  
*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Wednesday  
27 October 2010**

**Jesus:** Come, beloved of My Heart. Turn away from sin and come, follow Me for I am Coming soon. I Love you, My little children, and I desire that you live a life of truth, a life that shines into the darkness of this world. There are many in need and I need you to help them through your love of them and Me. If you help the least of your brothers then you help Me.

Come, children, trust in My Words and We, together, shall defeat the sin of this world. Trust in Me, children, trust in My Ways. Read My Gospel and you shall know

the Truth. I Love you, My little children, I Love you.

**Patrick:**  
*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Thursday  
28 October 2010**

**Jesus:** Trust in Me, children, trust in My Love for you and do not be afraid to come, follow Me. This world will laugh at you for being a follower of Mine but it is because they do not want to look at the Truth of their lives. Look, children, I give you the Path so that you can have Life Eternal in Me.

I Love you, My little children, I, your Jesus, Love you.

**Patrick:**  
*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*

**Sunday 31 October 2010**

**Jesus:** Children, come, follow Me and do not be afraid for I call you by name.

Come, My little ones, for there is little time left to you and you do not see it. You must prepare but still you have not.

Come prepare now, for the winter will be long and hard and I will need your help.

Come, children, listen to My Voice.

Come, I Love you.

**Patrick:**  
*Thank You, Jesus, I love You.*



**The counselling profession**  
An American Christian student has been told she will not be permitted to graduate unless she changes her beliefs. Jennifer Keeton, twenty four, is studying for a degree in counselling at Augusta State University in Georgia. But because her beliefs about sexual

ethics do not conform to the prevailing views of the counselling profession, she must change or get out, officials from the university have told her. She has been ordered to undergo a re-education plan involving "remediation" assignments and "diversity sensitivity training."

**Her religious liberty**  
She must report back on how the re-education has influenced her beliefs. If she refuses, she has been told she faces being thrown off her degree course. She has also been urged to attend a homosexual parade in Augusta.

American pro-freedom group, the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF), has come to the student's aid. Supported

# Urgent Appeal



by the ADF, she is suing the University for interfering with her religious liberty.

**We'll deny you a degree**  
"Jennifer Keeton has not been accused of mistreating a client," pointed out ADF Senior Counsel David French. "She's being told, 'you must change your beliefs or we'll deny you a degree,'" he continued.

**Appropriateness**  
Each month, she would be required to write a report on how the re-education assignments have influenced her beliefs so the faculty can "decide the appropriateness of her continuation in the counselling program."

Mary Jane Anderson-Wiley, an associate professor at the University and a

named defendant in the lawsuit, said that the faculty was concerned about some of the counselling student's beliefs pertaining to LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual transsexual) issues. However, the student has stated that she understands the need to reflect her counselling clients' goals and allow them to work through their own solutions.

"I know I can do that," she stressed. But what she can't do is alter her beliefs. In an ADF video, she said: "I'm not willing to, and I know I can't, change my Biblical views."

**She would not say**  
According to ADF, the twenty four year old's threatened expulsion is part

of a trend among universities to apply "religious and ideological litmus tests" in university departments teaching "education, counselling, and social work."

ADF is also currently representing Julea Ward, a counselling student at Eastern Michigan University who was expelled because she would not say that homosexual behaviour is morally acceptable. Recently, ADF successfully resolved a case at Missouri State University where social work student, Emily Brooker, was punished for declining to support homosexual adoption.

<http://www.cinews.ie/article.php?artid=7450>

## Ignite the Flame!

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this Christmas! Or denied myself a sandwich out of the shop to give the money to the woman begging on the street!

Surely if I did this, for Jesus' Sake alone, I would find great satisfaction in my heart - satisfaction that money could never buy - and Jesus and His Father, seeing that I am doing their Will, would come into my heart and sup with me!

**Ignite the flame**  
Surely I would want to do more and more for them so they would remain with me! And thus, a never-ending circle of love, to please and gain them, would begin in

me. And surely that woman who received money to buy her child a gift would see Jesus in my giving and never cease to thank and love Him. And surely the beggar woman would see Jesus in my giving and start a never-ending circle in her life too. Surely, the spark lit by the tiny giving from me - who has so, so much - would ignite the flame and begin a Revolution of Love!

It only takes one!  
**No more time left**  
The Weekend reminded me that there's no more time

left to drift! There's only time left to save souls.

**We must change**  
The phrase that was continuously repeated over the Weekend was "we must change, now!"

Jesus continues, in His Words this month, to try to get us to move, so that we will be His Hands, His Feet and His Lips to help Him save His children.



**"...Today, I do a new thing. I call upon My two sons and My servants to find My House in the city of the seat of power in Europe for there the prayer can thwart what they plan to do with the little ones as yet unborn. This I ask for quickly. Do not be afraid to do this for it is your gift to Me on this, My Feast Day... I call upon My children of faith to help financially to procure this House for Me. I tell you truly, that if My children stop their work for Me, I will continue to raise souls to carry it on..."** Friday 11 June 2010, Feast of the Most Sacred Heart

## Update on the House of Prayer in Brussels

We wish to say a big thank you to all of you who have contributed thus far in the purchasing of Jesus' House in Brussels, both spiritually and financially.

So far €142,190 has been donated and we have been able to pay the ten percent deposit (€27,000) required.

As we have told you, we have little time to pay the full amount. The full price of the House is €270,000.

At this stage, we are waiting to be contacted, at any time, to settle the full amount. So, please, please pray that we have enough money to buy this House because Jesus wants it. We are asking for your help. We are asking for your prayers and for financial aid. Please, if you can, help us.



# PROJECT PREVENTION OR ANOTHER PROJECT OF SATAN



## Pay them to be sterilised

Recently I came across a documentary on the TV. It was about a woman from America, called Barbara Harris, who is promoting a scheme called Project Prevention. The aim of this scheme is to target drug addicts and pay them to be sterilised so that they can't have children that are affected by drugs. These babies are often called crack babies because they are born with heroin in their bodies. Everyone wants beautiful, healthy and strong children but let's not forget that babies who have defects have as much right to life as those who are perfect.

It is obvious that these addicts are getting sterilised because of the incentive of the two hundred pounds cash as sterilisation is free through the National Health Service. We just think this is outrageous to play God with vulnerable drug addicts.

### Vulnerable

This woman is offering a bribe to these men and women, not caring that they are not in their right

frame of mind. To me this is criminal as they are vulnerable and have diminished responsibility for their actions. Here is the story taken from the Daily Mail website. (<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1321451/Heroin-user-bribed-200-charity-Project-Prevention-vasectomy.html>)

## The American woman who wants to 'bribe' UK heroin users with £200 to have vasectomies

By Michael Seamark  
Admits offering 'bribes'

An American charity has paid a British drug addict and self-confessed burglar two hundred pounds to be sterilised.

Project Prevention triggered an ethical storm yesterday after handing the thirty eight year old man – identified only as 'John' from Leicester – four fifty pound notes after he agreed to have a vasectomy.

The charity admits offering 'bribes' arguing that it helps prevent babies inheriting their parents' addictions.

But one leading drugs charity described it as 'exploitative

and morally questionable.'

### Sterilisation scheme

Barbara Harris and husband Smitty set up the charity in the U.S. after adopting four drug-addicted children from the same mother.

John – the first UK recipient of the cash-for-sterilisation scheme – said he would spend the money 'on overdue rent and a bit of shopping.'

Others fear addicts may simply use the two hundred pounds on offer to feed their habit.

### Big worry

Former home secretary David Blunkett said: 'My big worry is that, whatever the good intentions, this money is likely to go straight into the dealer's hands as they buy a two hundred pounds tranche of heroin or crack.'

'All those with good ideas should try to engage with their local Drug Action Team, so that there is coherence about what is on offer and an understanding of whether it works.'

### Hitler

The charity was set up by Barbara Harris, who

adopted four children born of a crack addict mother. It has paid out thousands of dollars to hundreds of U.S. women – and a few men – who agreed to be sterilised or commit to long-term contraception.

Critics have called her crusade unethical, comparing her to Hitler, but earlier this year the fifty seven year old arrived in Britain to spread her message.

### End up getting high

Her first British 'client' has been addicted to opiates for fifteen years and has been involved with drugs since he was eleven or twelve – often stealing and dealing to feed his habit.

'John,' who was featured in BBC TV's Inside Out programme on the Project Prevention scheme last night, said: 'I have burgled houses, I have burgled commercial premises, I have stolen handbags and wallets and things out of cars – I have been a thief basically. 'I have dealt in drugs here and there but to be honest I have never been any good at that because I end up getting high on my own supply.'

### Cash incentive

The addict underwent the vasectomy on the NHS in mid-September, telling the programme the cash incentive was 'kind of what spurred me into doing it in a way.'

'It was something that I'd been thinking about for a long time and something

that I'd already made my mind up that I wanted to do. Just hadn't got round to it.'

He admitted: 'I won't be able to support a kid. I can just about manage to support myself. Just about get it together to do that.'

### Snapping up the offer

Handed the £200 by Mrs Harris after the 'snip,' he told her: 'It came as a bit of a shock to me knowing I was the first in Britain.'

'I would have thought people would be snapping up the offer as soon as it became apparent as it was there.'

### Angry

Speaking on the programme, Mrs Harris described watching her four adopted children struggle with the addiction passed on by their mother.

She said: 'I got very angry about the damage that these drugs do to these children. I was angry at the mum, and then my anger turned a little bit to why did we allow her to do that?'

### Who would be targeted next

The U.S. charity – which has set up a UK hotline for addicts – came under fierce attack from charities here.

DrugScope chief executive Martin Barnes said: 'It is a fundamental principle of the NHS constitution that all treatment should be both informed and consensual; we believe offering cash incentives to often very poor and marginalised people in

return for sterilisation runs directly counter to this.

'It is exploitative, ethically dubious and morally questionable. And where should the line be drawn? Who would be targeted next – people who smoke, have mental health problems, or live in poverty?'

### No place for this

Addaction, the drug and alcohol treatment charity, said: 'There is no place for Project Prevention in the UK because their practices are morally reprehensible and irrelevant.'

'Sex education and contraceptive advice is part of drug treatment work in this country. Women who use drugs can access all types of contraception free on the NHS including a number of long term options.'

However, Philip Davies, Tory MP for Shipley, said he wouldn't dismiss the scheme 'out of hand.'

'You can argue that people who are drug addicts are desperate for money and are not making informed decisions and I think that's an understandable view. But it is certainly something to be considered with an open mind.'

### Nazis' eugenics

In the U.S., her controversial project has been compared to the Nazis' eugenics programme but Barbara Harris is unmoved by criticism.

'They are willing to call me Hitler,' says the woman offering addicts cash to be

sterilised, 'but what are they doing to help? To me, it's about preventing child abuse.'

In the twelve years since the launch of Project Prevention, she has paid some one thousand three hundred – predominantly women – three hundred dollars to be sterilised or commit to long-term contraception.

#### Treaded the streets

Earlier this year Mrs Harris, fifty seven, arrived in the UK, treading the streets of London and Glasgow, handing out flyers to spread the word.

They carried a photograph of a tiny baby covered in tubes above the slogan 'Every baby deserves a sober start.'

#### Crusade

Her crusade began when she was working as a waitress in California in 1989 with six sons – two with her husband, Smitty, a surgical technician, and four from their previous relationships. Craving a daughter they adopted Destiny. The baby girl was born testing positive for addiction to crack and heroin and her birth mother had already given birth to four other children subsequently taken into care.

Four months later she was

asked to adopt another baby from the same mother, then two more of her babies – which prompted the launch of Project Prevention.

#### Receives donations

The charity now receives more than half a million dollars a year in donations. Her family run the organisation from their home in North Carolina and travel the States in a thirty foot motor home adorned with images of critically ill babies.

Each time an addict is sterilised, a doctor sends Harris confirmation before the cash is handed over.

If any of the women manage to get off drugs and then regret having been sterilised, Mrs Harris promises to pay for it to be reversed. Addicts get a fifty dollar fee if they refer another addict to the charity.

#### Not Gods Work

She is in favour of abortion, but not when used as a method of contraception by addicts and although she says she has never tried drugs, says her brother was a crystal meth addict. She believes in God but is not a regular church-goer and insists her charity is not 'Gods Work.'

#### Anonymous benefactor

Her arrival here came

from a single donation of twenty thousand dollars by an anonymous benefactor, originally from Washington DC, who's lived in the UK for ten years with his English wife and two children.

About two thousand babies are born in the UK each year to drug-addicted mothers – many with life threatening illnesses. The charity claims it has already been contacted by one hundred British addicts about its work.

#### satans power is increasing

*Project Prevention call themselves a charity but they do more harm than good. A charity is supposed to help others and not take advantage of vulnerable people.*

*Jesus said in a Message one time that satan desires the lives of the innocent "...*

*All through the centuries he has desired the lives of the innocent but never before has he claimed so many, so easily..." Sunday 23 February 2003*

*Barbara Harris says she is trying to prevent child abuse but doesn't this fall under the umbrella of child abuse, preventing life from being born? Is it any wonder satan's power is increasing every day when he has people like these to promote his work.*

## No more Crucifixes in Schools update

*In the January 2010 issue of our Newsletter, we brought you the story of the European Courts ruling on Crucifixes in Italian Schools. Since this ruling there has been a huge outcry. The following article was published in the September 2010 issue of the Alive Newspaper and we include it here to keep you up to date.*

#### Record opposition to European Court's ruling on Crucifixes

Last November the European Court Of Human Rights ruled against the display of Crucifixes in Italian schools. The ruling provoked anger through all Italy and has led to the most widespread official opposition in the Court's history. Twenty countries have joined Italy in appealing the decision, though Ireland is not among them.

"This case has become a symbol of the on-going conflict over the future of Europe's cultural and religious identity," said Gregor Puppincck, director of

the European Centre for Law and Justice.

He explained that the court decided that having religious symbols in Europe's classrooms is something

bad. Before that it had always considered that each state was free in this area.

To give legal foundation to its ruling, the court created a new obligation: the state is "obliged to confessional neutrality in public education," and it must try to inculcate critical or anti-religious thoughts in peoples.

"Promoters of secularisation," said Puppincck, "see in secularism a way to control religious pluralism, and they see pluralism as an argument for imposing secularism."

But he saw nothing neutral in all this. "Secularisation is not strictly spontaneous and unavoidable," he said.

Rather, "it stems from political options, such as the French anti-clerical policy at the beginning of the twentieth century, or that which Spain is promoting at present."

The lawyer continued: "It is increasingly clear that Western Europe's public institutions have opted to limit religious liberty and to impose the secularisation of

society!" The aim is to promote "a cultural model where relativism, pluralism and the absence of values are the only values" allowed in post-religious politics.

But, Puppincck told Zenit newsagency, no one expected the various countries' strong political reaction to the decision.

#### Victory

"Every day it becomes clearer that a truly considerable victory has been achieved against the dynamic of secularisation," he said.

Although juridically Italy has not yet won, "politically it has already achieved a masterful victory."

At least twenty European countries have stood up to publicly defend the presence of Christian symbols in society and, in particular, in schools and to reject a sole cultural model for all states. "Lithuania, for example," he said, "did not hesitate to compare the Lautsi decision with the religious persecution it suffered under communism and which was manifested precisely in the banning of religious symbols."

And the Moscow Patriarchate has proposed the forming of "a strategic alliance between Catholics and Orthodox" to defend together Christian tradition "against the secularism, liberalism and relativism that prevail in modern Europe."

### Just to let you know!

- Our Calendar for 2011 is almost complete but one can now be ordered in advance.
- As always, we have packs of Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquets for sale, so please contact us if you are interested and we can post you out a brochure. We also have a Christmas CD as well as other Music CDs, DVDs on the Patricks speaking, Message Books and a wealth of other books, literature and devotional items.

# Light in the darkness

## **Their faith**

It was wonderful to hear of the rescue of the Chilean miners who were trapped underground for over two months. The Chilean people came together in prayer and support for their fellow countrymen. What is emerging from their stories is how their faith in God kept them sane and from falling into despair. Many of them felt God with them and they encouraged and prayed for each other. Some even found their faith while trapped underground.

## **Cease to exist**

When the human spirit sinks to its lowest, the soul often calls out to God because it is God who resides in our souls and we would cease to exist if He removed Himself from our souls. In a Message of Love in 2010 Jesus said; "Look to the Truth and never doubt My Presence with you. I am within all My children, good and sinful. If I remove Myself from any living thing it

would simply cease to exist..."

*Friday 20 August 2010*

## **God is always there**

God never leaves us, no matter what happens in our lives or how bad we are. He is always there waiting for us to call out to Him, to acknowledge Him and ask for His help.

The soul will never stop longing for its Creator.

We have printed here an extract taken from the following website relating to the story of the miners and their struggle: <http://www.allvoices.com/contributed-news/7027154-chilean-miners-families-thank-god-for-rescue-prayers-for-miracle>

## **Survived underground**

"The ongoing rescue of thirty three trapped Chilean miners has been nothing short of miraculous. These men have survived underground for more than two months, longer than any other group. Evangelical, Adventists and Catholic churches have claimed that their faith and

prayers have led to divine intervention in their rescue, the Guardian reported.

Regardless of how it happened, the miners - and many faithful viewers - are thanking God for their survival.

## **God won**

"I was with God and I was with the devil, they fought me, but God won. He took me by my best hand, the Hand of God and I held on to Him. I never thought for one minute that God wouldn't get me out of there," said Mario Sepulveda when he emerged from the mine this morning, according to USA Today.

Sepulveda wasn't the only miner who felt God there. Another wrote that it was actually thirty four of them trapped in the mine "because God has never left."

A local Baptist pastor even communicated with José Henríquez, one of the trapped miners, sending prayer through letters and visited the families of the miners to

minister to them, according to the Baptist Press.

## **Confidence in God**

"I encouraged him for remaining days of confinement." (the Rev. Marcelo) Leiva said, recalling what he wrote. "That he would remember the promises of the Lord, to have hope and confidence, and that he would also convey to the other thirty two miners the message that the same God who has guarded them is the One who is going to guide them in the rescue. And so the anxiety can be dissipated with prayer and confidence in God."

Leiva closed his letter to Henríquez with Firmes, adelantes, huestes de la fe ("Be strong and go forward, Hosts of the Faith"), a line from the Spanish adaptation of the hymn, 'Onward Christian Soldiers.'

## **The hand that helps them**

Many times we forget about God in our everyday lives and it is only in moments of crisis that we decide to call on Him. We can even do this for our brothers and sisters who don't know God or who have no voice. We can help them by reaching out and being the hand that helps them just like the Chilean people did for their brothers and sisters. It is love that drives us to help others.

## **I am your Love**

"Love, My children, is what I offer. Love is what you seek, not a human love but the love of the soul.

This, children, is what drives your seeking for something but never being satisfied. It is only My Love that can fulfil this desire. It is the call of the soul. Can you not understand this, children? This is why all upon this earth have the "Wonderment of God." The soul was created from My Love and is part of My Love so the soul is constantly looking for My Love. It is only My Love that can satisfy this longing. I call out through the mists of this earth in the hope that your souls will recognise My Voice. But, alas, very few are willing to turn away from the false love, the empty promise of this earth. Look at what I say and understand that you are part of these Words. Come now, child of Mine, I am your Love. I, your Jesus, Love you." *Wednesday 11 October 2006*

## **Hyprocrites**

A lady wrote in to us to tell us that watching the story of the miners on TV reminded her of the child in the womb. Here is the letter she wrote to us.

"I was just watching on the TV the Chile Miners being brought to the surface. I couldn't help but compare those men to the child in the womb. I'm sure others may have thought the same. Everybody fixed on the TV watching these men

come out alive from their safe haven underground. Cheering, clapping, crying tears of joy when the men surfaced and then I thought of the poor unwanted child with no one to help them, no one willing them to live, no one waiting to share their love with them. What hyprocrites we are! Isn't abortion the saddest thing on the planet..."

Monica

## **Survive**

The men trapped in the mines were very much like the child in the womb, struggling to survive, relying on someone else to bring them safely into the world. Yet nobody cares about the child in the womb whose life is so fragile and delicate. Jesus said it all when He said:

"...I am the child who cries for mercy in the womb. It is My Blood they shed. It is My Limbs they tear asunder. I have Life to give - I am Life; I am Love. Come to Me seeking. I am Peace. It is My Will that they love; give them My Love. Give them My Soul, for it Burns inside them, the Love I have for them. I pledge them My Life..." *Tuesday 7 January 1992*



### Buried alive

We also received a letter from a reader about a woman that buried her baby alive.

The woman's neighbours noticed blood on her clothes and this alerted them because they knew she

was pregnant. Twenty four hours later, the police found the baby in the surrounding area - he had been buried in the ground but he was ALIVE. He was covered in mud, insects and flies. They removed the mud from his mouth and took him to a nearby hospital where he received the necessary care and he is well.

### Thanks to God

He survived, thanks to God, because of having been buried standing up. A dog dug a bit from around his head and he was able to breathe. Thanks to the warm earth his body temperature was maintained.

The baby's circumstance was similar to the miners as he was helpless and trapped underground, waiting for someone to help him. I rejoiced when I heard he was found alive.

### Spiritual darkness

It does the heart good to hear of stories of survival. It gives us hope that all is not lost with the human spirit and that we can pull together in a crisis.

But let us not forget that we live in a world of spiritual darkness, a darkness that cannot be seen with the



The baby that survived being buried alive

naked eye. This darkness is caused by all the sin in the world and this causes Jesus much Pain.

### Lack of dying to self

If we were to look, with spiritual eyes, at the sky it would be black with evil spirits. Our lack of dying to self has blinded us. There are none so blind as those who will not see. In the Messages of Love Jesus tells us; "...For times of great darkness are upon this world and you do not realise it. All I wish to give you is My Love. I am the Good Shepherd and I come to gather My sheep into the one sheepfold. I stand before you this night and I call you. I hear you, little lambs, I hear your cries to Me from the darkness of this world. I cannot force you to come, all I can do is call you.

The evil one gathers his army, as I am gathering you, like sheaves of wheat, I gather you into My barn before the winter comes. See the beginnings of it as you look around you. No longer can this world feel the warmth of My Heart, which spills over with Love, it only feels the coldness of the evil one's treachery as

he advances. He is like the wolf who comes to steal the sheep and they allow themselves to be blinded by him..." Monday 1 August 1994

### No love any more

Love has grown cold in the world, there is no love of God any more and without this love we cannot survive as God is Love and we were created in Love. You have heard the saying 'love makes the world go round' and this is so true. This world was created in the Light of Love and cannot survive in darkness. It is as Jesus said on Thursday 12 August 1993: "Look at the world around you, see how the people there are crying out for Love. I have given you all My Love but you have refused to take it. The time is very, very near, hell advances to take its own. I have let the Cup of Peace run over too long, now I must Judge the good and the bad. I will come into this world calling, as the shepherd calls his sheep. Will you recognise My Voice? Will you be ready to be Judged? I am on My way, children. I have no more Warnings to give. I Love you, come."

**Return to the Ways of Love** Jesus also tells us that: "... This earth convulses under the great weight of sin. It is spirit, children. Darkness clogs and blocks its life-giving flow. Children, this world was created in Love by My Father's Hand, it cannot survive in darkness. It must

live in the Light of Love. At this time it is as if it is being slowly strangled. Soon it shall rebel and the Justice of My Father shall be seen in all its Power and Might.

Return to the Ways I taught you. Return to the Ways of Love. Come, look and see what I say before it is too late. Come, children, come into the sheepfold. I, your Jesus, Love you. Love." Tuesday 31 August 1999

### Love one another

We can come away from this way of life by going to Confession and repenting of our sins. God never turns anyone away. His Arms are always open to us in

Forgiveness.

He is calling us back to a simple way of life; love. That is His Command to us; "...love one another as I have Loved you..."

"Love the Lord your God, who comes to you in this Way, His Arms are open wide to enfold you and Love you. Come to Me with open Arms and love Me, for Love is all important. If you have not Love then you are dead. Come, gain Life in Me; come, gain what you all seek, Life Everlasting.

Come share My Crown of Love; be My Feet, My Hands, My Voice and welcome people into My Arms. Welcome them for Me, in

My Name; they are all to be welcomed. Trust in Me and Trust in God the Father still. He will send the Holy Spirit to you when you need Him. I am the God of Love and My promises are true. I have told you all of this, children; why do you not believe? Why do you not do as I ask? Have love in your hearts for My Sake. It pleases Me greatly when you love one another; do it for Me, for My Sake - then all will be well." Friday 15 May 1992

When the Chilean people joined forces to rescue the miners were they not doing what God asked: loving one another?



### Did not attend

My father (born Protestant) converted to the Catholic religion to enable him to marry my Catholic mother. His family were opposed to the marriage and he

therefore did not attend or take part in Mass. My mother attended at Christmas only and neither encouraged me or my brothers or sisters to attend Mass.

### The shock

After making my First Holy Communion, the parish priest visited the school and asked the girls in the class to put up their hands up if they had received the Body of Christ on the Sunday following our First Holy Communion. In childish innocence I alone did not raise my hand as I honestly didn't know I needed to go every week, otherwise I probably would have lied. The shock on the priest's face, along with the horror on my teacher's face and the gasps from the children remain with me to this day

and I blush and cringe even now as I write this piece.

### I never missed a week

I arrived home from school that day and encountered the solemn faces of my parents and the parish priest! For a few weeks after that visit my mother attended Mass with me but soon lapsed into her old ways. As I was ashamed and embarrassed to face the weekly Monday questioning from my teacher so I took it upon myself to go to Mass every Sunday on my own. I never missed a week and kept 2d from my pocket money to put in the weekly collection.

### The Sacred Heart

I know Jesus came into my heart then and has remained with me. Why else have I been blessed with thirty four years of marriage to a caring

man, along with five brilliant children and two gentle, loving grandchildren! As a family unit we go to Mass, we pray together as a family and nothing pleases me more than to have a family meal with everyone gathered under my picture of the Sacred Heart which looks over us.

**Difficult times**  
I have suffered breast cancer and have now developed secondary bone cancer and I know the Sacred Heart of Jesus is watching over me and my family during these difficult times. I have accepted my fate and I pray to the Sacred Heart to watch over my dear family. I

regularly chant "Oh, Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee" and I thank Him for entering my life and giving me and my family the richness of Gods abundant Love.

**Forever devoted**  
I am forever devoted to and love You, Jesus.



## THE POWER OF PRAYER

**Walsingham**  
I think it was about 1986 when I felt in my heart I would like to visit Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham, England's national Shrine. I had no money. I didn't even know how to get there, so I decided I would say a decade of the Rosary each day that one day I would get there. I prayed each day, sometimes good and sometimes not so good. This went on for about eighteen months. Then one day a friend asked me if I would like to go to a novena in Clonard Monastery, so we went. When we came out of Clonard, my friend said she knew a chapel, that on the thirteenth of the month they honoured Our Lady of Fatima. She asked if I would like to go and visit, so we went. On the way out of the chapel, there

was a notice board asking if anyone was interested, this man was trying to get a pilgrimage to Walsingham and it was very reasonable. So on 14 August 1988, I got my wish!

**My rosary**  
As we approached Walsingham on the coach we said the Rosary. We went all around the Shrine, then into what is called the Slipper Chapel to say our prayers but when I came out I could not find my rosary. I searched everywhere. I tipped my bag out onto the window sill, but no sign of my rosary. I went and retraced my steps to the coach but no luck. I met a lady that was on the bus and asked her to help me look. I went back to the Slipper Chapel. My friend then took my bag, emptied it out once more, but no rosary.

We had to leave then, for we were going to walk the holy mile carrying the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham.

**Medugorje**  
As we were going along the lady that I had asked to help me look for my rosary came to me. She said she had been praying to Our Lady. She had a big bag with her. She said she had been in Medugorje in July and got a rosary, and then she had got it blessed by a priest there. She said to Our Blessed Lady that if she put her hand in the bag and brought out the rosary I could have it, but if she had to look for it I would not get it. Anyway, she put her hand in the bag and got it straight away, so I got this beautiful rosary. It was a green bead with silver over the beads, it was beautiful and shining. She asked me to pray for her and I always

do for somehow I never saw her again. I felt Our Blessed Lady Herself had given me the rosary.

Anyway, when we had finished our pilgrimage we got on the coach, for the man who was leading the pilgrimage said we would say a rosary in thanksgiving, so I opened my bag to get my rosary out and there was my own rosary sitting right on top of my bag, so Our Blessed Lady did have a hand in it!

**My birthday**  
Now after a few years, the rosary that Mary gave me went dull and started to break up. I put it on a little altar at home. In 1997, it was a hundred years since the

shrine in Walsingham opened again after the reformation, and the big day was on 20 August, that happened to be my birthday! So I said I must get to Walsingham for this celebration, so I said to my husband I must get the rosary together to take with me. To my surprise there was only one bead missing, my husband fixed it. I got to Walsingham this time by going to my daughter's just outside Manchester. She met my friend and I and took us to her home, where she had a surprise for me. My two sisters were waiting for us. We had a lovely two days together, then my daughter took us to Walsingham. Our Blessed Lady had

everything planned!  
**A golden rosary**  
I remember Cardinal Daly being there, it was a wonderful time. I used my rosary. My cousin came to take us home, we were at the Shrine when she came. We had to go back to suerider, the place we were staying, for our luggage in Walsingham. A priest asked if he could get a lift with us. I had my rosary in a little blue purse and I asked the priest to give it a blessing. When I took the rosary out to say my prayers it had turned into a golden rosary, so I thank Our Lady of Walsingham for this beautiful Grace. This is now 2005 and my rosary is as beautiful as ever.



**I had a dream**  
One night, when I was around the age of eleven or twelve, I had a dream. I rarely ever have dreams but this one had been with me for over twenty five years or more. I am in a field at the back of our house. I remember which particular field I was in because it

had a well in it. There are tiny little white things, like beads, scattered all over the ground. I am walking along picking them up and stuffing them into my sweater. I seem to be gathering so many as I am going quite a distance and I can see myself near and far away. Every now and again I stop

to look up at someone but I don't see anyone else in my dream, yet I know I am being watched. My dream ends there. This may sound crazy but at the time I thought I was picking up my teeth. I was having a lot of difficulty with my molars and had a lot of toothaches as a child. These little white things looked like teeth and so I thought nothing more about it.

**I just never saw Him**  
This dream has recurred so many times over the years that I have lost count. I thought I would go out of my mind if I didn't find out what it meant. I begged God to tell me. In 2002 I was in Knock to meet friends from the House of Prayer in

Cookstown. I had no lift home so they arranged a lift for me with an old lady that they knew. This lady turned out to be very spiritual and so I mentioned my dream to her. Right away, without any hesitation, she said I was gathering pearls. Never in my wildest dreams would I ever have imagined that I was gathering pearls. She said that I was "gathering up Graces and storing up treasure in Heaven." I was so amazed I could hardly believe it. Why did I not think of this myself? As a child, if someone had told me I was gathering pearls, I would have probably thought I was going to be rich. I can see now that God was keeping this hidden from me until I could see the spiritual side of life. I believe the person who was watching me was Jesus. He was always there in my life, I just never saw Him.

#### **Slow and painful**

A lot has happened in my life since that first dream and I can see now, since I have returned to God, how He has used me to gather Graces for myself and others. My journey back to God was slow and painful but I could never imagine my life without God ever again. Thank You, Jesus, for all my life – good and bad – for taking care of me and Loving me.

#### **I blamed Him**

Throughout my teenage years and twenties I lost sight of God. I had no time

for Him and religion didn't interest me. But God had other Plans for me and He went about getting me back. In 1992, I went to America to live. For the first couple of years I was doing great and I wanted for nothing, then in 1994 everything started to fall apart. In the beginning of the year I caught a virus and I was so sick I thought I would die. Then I began having blackouts. This was all the more difficult as I didn't have health insurance and so I had to suffer through these problems. In May I was in a car crash that really shook me up and I suffered chest pains and whiplash. Once again I didn't go to the hospital. Even though I had no time for God I blamed Him for not saving me from this accident.

#### **Homeless, penniless and jobless**

In July I decided to quit my job in New Jersey and move to Boston for a change. They say a change is as good as a rest and I needed one. I found it difficult to find a job. I don't know why as there was plenty around, but it seemed no-one wanted to hire me. By September I still had no job and had run out of money. I became so stressed that I started having blackouts again but this time with severe stomach pains. This time I was forced to go to the hospital and was told it was only a virus. I felt it was something more. By October I was so ill I had

to leave Boston and return to New Jersey. I could no longer support myself so I decided to live with my mother who was also living in America at this time. By this time I was homeless, penniless and jobless. By November I was in pain everyday. I had lost a lot of weight and I was completely drained of all energy. I had a gnawing ache in my stomach and whatever I ate always came up. My mental state had hit an all time low and suicide went through my mind constantly, but I couldn't bring myself to do it. I was so tired everyday that I would cry from sleep deprivation.

#### **I would cry and cry**

It was during this dark time that I started crying out to God for help. I would cry and cry, sometimes for hours. I would stand in the shower and cry the whole time. I didn't know why I did this but it relieved some of the ache in my heart. I started finding little prayers here and there and I would say them as often as I could. I remember one of the first prayers I found was about how beautiful and powerful the Name of Jesus was and how offended He was when His Name was taken in vain. From that time on I resolved never to take the Lord's Name in vain. God was working on my soul through this dark time but I never realised it. I still had no spiritual life and no understanding about

suffering.

#### **Crying out to God**

I also started to read the lives of the Saints. I was amazed at these people and how they changed their lives for God. I felt inspired by them and wanted to do the things they did but I didn't know how. I felt useless and worthless and I hated myself. How could I ever hope to become like them. By December my health was so bad I just wanted to die. My appearance was dreadful as it had taken a toll on me. I was about eighty five pounds and all I wanted to do was sleep, all day every day. More and more I was crying out to God for help.

#### **I was so sick**

One afternoon I went to the hospital with my mother. I talked to the nurses about how I was feeling and then went to wait in the waiting room. The nurse came over to me and gave me the name of a clinic to go to in New Jersey. I drove there, went in and looked around. I found it very strange as they had bars on all the windows, and doors that could not be opened from the inside. It took me a while to figure out that this was a mental institution for anorexic patients. I was so shocked I refused to sign any papers they gave me and walked out. I confronted my mother over this and it turned out that she had gone to the nurses behind my back and told them I was anorexic and I

was making myself sick and that's why I was sent there. I was so angry I wanted to crash my car and hurt the both of us. Because of what she said the doctors and nurses wouldn't believe me when I complained of stomach pains. They insisted I receive psychiatric help as they believed I was anorexic. It was another two months before I received any treatment, but I was so sick they were forced to help me.

#### **Ulcers**

In February I was finally given an x-ray and it was discovered my stomach was covered in ulcers. It was also covered in scars from previous ulcers over the years. They told me I had a bacterium called helicobacter pylori and they put me on antibiotics for two months. My weight at this time was eighty two pounds. I looked awful but I hoped that soon I would start to feel better. It had been the longest six months of my life.

When I was starting to feel better about myself I thought I would go back to the life I had before. I still didn't see God in my life.

#### **Confessions**

One day before Easter I felt this strange urge to go to Confession. I don't know where it came from as the idea never crossed my mind. By the end of the week it was so strong in me I thought I would burst. To get it out of my system

I decided to go to a local church. When I went into the church, Confessions were finishing as Mass was about to start. I went in and told the priest that I wanted to return to the Church but I didn't know where to begin. He was cold and hostile and told me he couldn't absolve me from my sins unless I told him everything I had done wrong and how long I was gone from Confessions. This I couldn't do as I didn't know how long it had been since I had gone to Confessions - maybe six years or more - and I didn't know what the half of my sins were as I was doing this so quickly. I thought about my sins and mentioned them but he was so impatient and rude with me that my heart sank. I asked him if he wanted me to leave and he said if that's what you want to do then do it. He didn't absolve me from my sins and so I left. I was gutted.

#### **A new beginning**

I was so angry and humiliated that I swore I would never go to Confession again. I returned home upset, but soon forgot about it all. Then it started again, the same urge, but worse than before. It was so intense that I started ringing churches to find out about Confessions. I went to a different church this time and had a totally different experience. The priest was so nice and loving and listened to me without any judgement. He has no

idea how much he helped me. He absolved me from my sins and welcomed me back into the Church. I felt as if a great weight had been lifted off me. I didn't really understand any of this spiritual stuff, but it was a new beginning for me. Thank You, Jesus, for not giving up on me and for healing my soul.

#### A hunger in my soul

After that Confession, I felt a change in myself. I don't know how to explain it, but my eyes were opened spiritually and I began to see everything in a different light. It became clear to me that the life I had lived up to this time wasn't a good Christian life. I could now see my sins without being told what they were. I lost the desire to go out and enjoy myself and I gave up smoking, which was one of the hardest things I've ever done. I gave away my clothes and belongings and retreated into myself. I developed a hunger in my soul for all things Jesus

and nothing on this earth could have stopped me from getting closer to Him, it was that strong. I read every book available, went to prayer meetings and searched the internet for Catholic websites, this is how I found out about the two Patricks. I began to understand the power of prayer and learned to pray the rosary for the first time. I was twenty seven years old.

#### Such a longing

As I started to get to know God, I realised the importance of Confession and going to Mass. The Sacrament of Confession really does clean the soul and makes way for God. Without it, I wouldn't have a life in God today. I began to understand the Sacrifice of the Mass and what Jesus had done for me. I started going on Sundays at first, but I had such an urgency to make up for lost time, I started going every day. I had such a longing for God that at times I wanted to

die. I cannot describe all the things that have gone on in my soul since then as there are so many. Jesus took a hold of me and drew me to Himself through pain and suffering.

#### Eternal Life

The roots of my faith are now planted firmly in God and I can look forward to Eternal Life with hope and joy.

Over the last fifteen years I've gone through some difficult times but, this time, I've offered it all to God. He has opened my eyes to the ways of the world and the darkness we live in. I could never go back to the way I was before, i.e. not knowing God. I was purchased at a great Price through the Blood of Christ and I will always belong to Him.

#### Thank You, Jesus

Praise and thank You, Jesus, for all that You have done for me. I love You with all my heart and soul and I long to see You, Face to face, in Heaven.



# Heirs to the Kingdom

#### 'Heir Hunters'

I often watch a programme called 'Heir Hunters.' This programme follows lost relatives of people who have died and left a substantial sum of money without making a will. The 'Hunters' receive a percentage of the will for finding a next of kin, otherwise, left unclaimed, it would go to the state. Many of these people didn't even know that the person who died was even related to them.

#### Closer to God

Whenever I have watched this programme I have often wished that I could have an inheritance or receive an unexpected windfall. This longing, of course, is of the world, wanting money to spend and have a good time. I know it won't bring me closer to God or solve any problems in my life - apart from a few material ones - yet I still wish it.

#### Such joy

But after thinking about this

I realised that I am an heir – an heir to the Kingdom of God. This thought gives me such joy that God would give me, a sinner, a share in His possessions, His Heaven, His Kingdom. In His own Words He tells us "...Come, My children, this Heart of Love longs for you to be in it; it longs for the intimacy, so close that We will melt together in Love as the Father and I are. Come, for I long to tell you of the deeper things that are in My Heart and are waiting for you to savour. **Come, be heirs to My Throne in Eternal Life.** It is not hard, just come as you are. I am Love. I want you with Me, for I have Purchased you with My very Life. I give you Pure Love. Take it from Me. With outstretched Hands I appeal to you to come and be Loved in My Heart. It is all Love. Love, Love, for I am to be Loved. I Love you, children..." *Sunday 26 April 1992*

#### Excluded

As with any will, we can get ourselves cut out of one for many different reasons; family conflicts, greed and deceit. We can also get excluded from being heirs with God by living lives of sin. God is so generous with His Love and gives it so freely and the only thing He asks in return is to do His Will and return His Love. "...Listen with your hearts, where I am. I live within each one of you. I give you Love every day. **That is what hurts Me most - that you neither care or are willing to return My Love to Me.** Time grows short; Love, for all is Love, and My Love will Triumph..." *Sunday 26 April 1992*

**Worries, desires and needs**  
By refusing to do what He asks and living unrepentant lives, we cut ourselves off from Him and from being heirs. We cannot just do what we want and then trot off to Heaven and expect to enjoy a life of bliss. There



## SonLight's Concert CD and DVD

A CD containing some of the Songs Jesus gave through Patrick Rushe which were played on the night of this concert, is available for only £10.

There is also a DVD available of the concert for £12.



are consequences to a life lived in sin, denying God, pushing Him out of our lives to make way for the needs of self. In this next Message Jesus tells us what we should do.

"Children, children, listen to My Words for they are taken from the depths of My Heart, they are My Blood that I have poured out for mankind. Listen, My children, and see the Truth of My Words. You live and you die upon this earth, your lives are full of worries, desires and needs yet what is the point to live and die? The point is, My children, whether you accept My offer of Eternal Life or not; the point is, in free will you are placed upon this earth to decide whether you want to be in My Kingdom or not. There is no other.

If you want to be in My Kingdom then you must prove it to Me by the way that you live your life. If you say no to Me and decide to live an evil life, a life without your God, then you shall reside in hell for all eternity. I do not send anyone to hell, that decision is yours. Children, you are judged on your actions, I am a Merciful Judge and will not send anyone from Me unless

they wish to go..." *Tuesday 11 December 2007*

### Wondrous love

There is a beautiful hymn by Alexander Means called "What Wondrous Love Is This, Oh My Soul, Oh My Soul" that tells of Gods Love for us. I, too, feel that wondrous love when I think of Heaven and enjoying Gods Presence forever and the fact that He has invited me to be an heir with Him. That is what God does for all of us every day by giving us His Wondrous Love in inviting us to a share in His Kingdom. "...These are Words of Truth and they are Words of Life. Begin to live your lives for Eternity and not for the short period of time that you spend upon this earth. I am offering you Life Eternal in My Kingdom where you shall be heirs to the Throne of your God for you are My brothers and My sisters and all that We do should be to the Glory of Our Father who is the Creator-of-All-Things. I Love you and I ask that you listen to these Words and turn away from this world and come, follow Me. I Love you..." *Tuesday 11 December 2007*

### A part of His Kingdom

What king or ruler on earth would ever ask you to share their treasures with them or make you an heir to their kingdom? There is none that I know of. But not with Jesus, He wants us to be a part of His Kingdom and share His treasures, His joys, His delights and this for all Eternity. His Gift to us is our free will to decide to be with Him or not. "...You are free men, you are not slaves. You are My brothers and sisters and heirs to the Kingdom of Our Father. Now look and see what We have given to you: what greater Love is there?"

### Saturday 7 August 2010

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great Mercy hath regenerated us unto a lively hope, by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
4 Unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that can not fade, reserved in Heaven for you,  
5 Who, by the power of God, are kept by faith unto Salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

*1 Peter 1:3-5, Douay-Rheims*

## IMPORTANT!

### Manning the other Houses of Prayer - Help Needed!

Jesus has asked that the other Houses of Prayer are manned now because they are needed. There are five Houses that need manned. We simply do not have enough servants to do this so we are asking any of you who can, to please volunteer to man a House for one month with a servant. This is a great giving and it is something that Jesus wants. Please, if you are available, contact us here at the Sacred Heart House of Prayer. Thank you all and God Bless you.

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## Events Celebrated

### Feast of Saint Pio

Thursday

23 September 2010

A very beautiful statue of Saint Pio was brought down to the Prayer Room, the Chapel of Jesus, and placed at the front of the room where it helped us to focus on him, asking his intercession.

The three o'clock prayers began with the Divine Mercy followed with the holy Rosary, Saint Pio's favourite prayer. Saint Pio spent much time in preparation for the holy Mass which he loved deeply.

### Feast of the Archangels

Wednesday

29 September 2010

Throughout the day, at the 12 noon, 3pm and 6pm Community Prayers, we talked about the Archangels' very important role in Heaven and on earth.

When we think of the Archangels, Saint Michael, Raphael and Gabriel are the main ones which spring to mind but we also spoke about the other four - Menathin, Tiath, Agorial and Bartomit - whom we can learn much more about

in 'Song of the Carpenter.' We gave thanks and offered prayer to these great warriors of Heaven.

### Feast of Saint Thérèse

Friday

1 October 2010

At the start of the month, we came together to celebrate the life of one of the patrons of the House of Prayer, Saint Thérèse. During the day one of the servants spoke on how her writings give us a great example of living a life for Jesus and dying to self in the little ways and little things. They also spoke on how Thérèse was made Patron Saint of missionaries even though she never left her enclosed convent, due to her longing to be a missionary and the prayer and sacrifice she offered for those who were.

The Day concluded with our usual First Friday vigil.

### Feast of the

Guardian Angels

Saturday

2 October 2010

Jesus gave us a wealth of knowledge through the Messages of Love about our Guardian Angels. We celebrated this Feast Day by remembering the role that they play in our lives.

The prayers and talks throughout the day made us aware again how these Guardian Angels are Gods Gift to us to teach, guide and protect us when we call on them.

"...A Guardian is assigned to each child of God to teach, to guide and protect but, once again, all depends on the balance of free will..." *Tuesday 23 February 2004*



### Feast of the Saint Francis Monday

4 October 2010

This was a wonderful Day of Prayer. A servant shared on how Saint Francis had a big influence in their life and helped them. The Day was filled with great joy and love.

### Feast of Saint Teresa of Avila Friday

15 October 2010

This Day of Prayer led us into the Weekend with the Patricks. We had the Music Ministry with us and this really made the prayer times special. One of the servants spoke of Saint Teresa's wanting to help us in the fight against abortion and of this hideous crime.

### Weekend with the Patricks

Friday 15 October to  
Sunday 17 October  
2010

The Weekend with the

Patricks began on Friday evening. It is always a busy time at the House of Prayer but very exciting as the retreatants arrive and we meet new people and renew old acquaintances. There was a great buzz about and many of those who came for the first time shared how it was so good to be here and see the House and be able to put faces to people they have read about or talked to on the phone and what a bonus for them to actually take part in the Walk Against Abortion which was on the

Saturday. We were also Blessed with lovely weather for the walk as the people, young and old, brought the Message against abortion to the streets of Cookstown. It was also one of the best attended we have had for a while. Throughout the Weekend, lots of lovely comments were made on the beautiful music provided by SonLight Music Ministry who, true to form, had everyone clapping and praising in an air of great joy and love.



## Events to Come

### Feast of Saint Cecilia Day of Prayer and Music

for the Feast of  
Christ the King  
Sunday

21 November 2010

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday  
8 December 2010

### Walk Against Abortion

Saturday  
11 December 2010

### Feast of Saint John of the Cross

Tuesday  
14 December 2010

### Jesus' Birthday

Saturday  
25 December 2010

### New Year's Eve Vigil to bring in the new year

with Jesus  
Friday

31 December 2010

### Days of Love

Saturday 15 and Sunday  
16 January 2011

### First Friday Vigils (from 10pm-2am):

Friday 3 December 2010  
Friday 7 January 2011

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## Women Priests

### Catholics looking for change

With Benedict XVI's visit to Britain, many issues against the Catholic Church's teaching has been brought to the fore, especially from groups who say they are Catholics looking for change in the Church.

### Bring about reform

One such issue is that of women priests. Recently it was brought to our attention that a liberal Catholic magazine 'The Tablet' contained a leaflet from an organisation called [womenpriests.org](http://womenpriests.org), looking for volunteers and donations to bring about reform in the Church.

### £15,000 spent on advertising

This particular group described excluding women from the priesthood as discrimination that is 'gravely sinful,' saying that it shores up violence against women in everyday life and prejudice that hurts all women the world over!

This same group, I believe, spent £15,000 placing advertising on London buses that were travelling near

to Benedict's visit sites to promote their cause.

### Not admissible to ordain women

In Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter to the Bishops on 22 May 1994 he wrote on this issue:

*"When the question of the ordination of women arose in the Anglican Communion, Pope Paul VI, out of fidelity to his office of safeguarding the Apostolic Tradition, and also with a view to removing a new obstacle placed in the way of Christian unity, reminded Anglicans of the position of the Catholic Church: 'She holds that it is not admissible to ordain women to the priesthood for very fundamental reasons. These reasons include: the example recorded in the Sacred Scriptures of Christ choosing His Apostles only from among men; the constant practice of the Church, which has imitated Christ in choosing only men; and her living teaching authority which has consistently held that the exclusion of women from the priesthood is in accordance with God's Plan*

*for His Church."*

### He emphasized the dignity of women

In calling only men as His Apostles, Christ acted in a completely free and sovereign manner. In doing so, He exercised the same freedom with which, in all His behaviour, He emphasized the dignity and the vocation of women, without conforming to the prevailing customs and to the traditions sanctioned by the legislation of the time.

### The wisdom of the Lord

The fact that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, received neither the mission proper to the Apostles nor the ministerial priesthood clearly shows that the non-admission of women to priestly ordination cannot mean that women are of lesser dignity, nor can it be construed as discrimination against them. Rather, it is to be seen as the faithful observance of a plan to be ascribed to the wisdom of the Lord of the universe.

### Their role is of capital importance

The presence and the role

of women in the life and mission of the Church, although not linked to the ministerial priesthood, remain absolutely necessary and irreplaceable. As the Declaration Inter Insigniores points out, "the Church desires that Christian women should become fully aware of the greatness of their mission: today their role is of capital importance both for the renewal and humanization of society and for the rediscovery by believers of the true face of the Church.

The New Testament and the whole history of the Church give ample evidence of the presence in the Church of women, true disciples, witnesses to Christ in the family and in society, as well as in total consecration to the service of God and of the Gospel.

I declare that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful."

The fact that God chose a woman, the Virgin Mary, to play such an important role in the world's Salvation leaves little doubt about the God-given dignity of women.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Catechism of the Catholic Church sets it out clearly, quoting the decree

Inter insigniores: Only a baptized man (vir) receives sacred ordination. The Lord Jesus chose men (viri) to form the college of the twelve Apostles, and the Apostles did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them in their ministry. The college of bishops, with whom the priests are united in the priesthood, makes the college of the twelve an



ever-present and ever-active reality until Christ's return. The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord Himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible.

### He chose only men

Jesus had, moreover, a number of excellent potential candidates to pick as women priests, from His own Mother, who

accompanied Him at His first miracle and stood with Him as He Suffered on the Cross, to Mary Magdalene or the women of Bethany. Instead, He chose only men, and He remained immovable on this, continuing right to the end to exhort and train them all, leaving thus a Church which turned out to be safely founded on a rock. From those twelve men a direct line of apostolic succession has given the Catholic Church the bishops and priests it has today.

### Jesus Loves all equally

Jesus Himself spoke on this issue in a Message given on 14 June 1998, when Patrick questioned Him on this topic. He said "...My son, I have given both male and female an equal role within My Body but this, those who only see with human eyes and have never travelled the road of dying to self, cannot see.

In the spiritual, all are equal. Those who only look with human eyes they can see differences and try to overcome these in their humanness. If I had desired that there would be women priests, I, Myself, would have brought it about. I have called My daughters to love Me in their gentleness, to teach Love to this world. I have given this Gift to them. If they could only see the Truth of these Words and believe them, then Love would begin to reign once

more. They are the teachers of gentleness and do not realise it. They are the ones who should know, My son, how to love one another. They are the ones who should make Me known in this world of unlove. By the very nature of man, he desires to be strong and protective, but if he is not taught gentleness then he does not know how to love.

This is why man and woman are one. They are two parts of one body. This is the way I created them, so that they would be one in My sight. I Love them as one. There are no greater or lesser in My sight. I Love all equally. Love Loves..."

Further in this Message He says "...the Gift of Strength and the Gift of Gentleness must become one in order for My Love to reign among My people. But, it is the evil one who creates competition in order to create division and it is this division that is destroying My Church. Both man and woman must begin to see that it is in obedience that he will find the true path to wisdom. Obedience is the path of Truth. It is the dying to self. It is what will lead the one who seeks to journeys beyond journeys. It will lead them to find the Kingdom of My Father's Love. It is only through obedience that you can see the true path..."

### Are we to question His decision of self?

Remember Jesus loves us equally and by travelling down this path of self in the Church we will be creating division and destruction of His Body, the Church. Jesus did not make a mistake when He chose twelve men to carry on His Work. He did not discriminate and was not prejudiced. He chose them in His infinite Wisdom. Are we to question His decision now because of self? I, for one, will accept what Jesus has laid down, not what man wants to change. I love You, Jesus.

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## His Heart and mine are beating as One

**Offered against abortion**  
Blessings and greetings from the Mother of Love House of Prayer. Our main prayer intention from Jesus is to pray to end abortion in the world. We ask Our Blessed Mother on Her Feast of the Annunciation to accept our prayers and sacrifices to end this evil in our world. Jesus said in a Message, March 1998, "...I have desired that your city (Peoria) be the first within this country to be in the

Way of My Sacred Heart...I desire that the House in your city should be titled 'Mother of Love House of Prayer' and its prayers should be offered against abortion to stem the flow of this great river of murder that many navigate in selfishness. Much would My Heart be pleased if this were being done." We join in prayer with all of the Houses of Prayer on 25 March to end abortion, to have Mercy on us, and to

give Grace to all expecting mothers so that they may love their babies as Mary Loved Her Son.

### I love Christmas

Jesus knows that I love Christmas (but not so much Lent.) I love mangers and hay, Advent candles, Christmas trees, lights in the windows to welcome Baby Jesus, new babies, children and grandchildren together, family meals, midnight Mass, choirs, snow, joy,

Mother Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus!

### Jesus is not limited

But so soon, Lent is here! Lent is the Last Supper, the Agony, Water and Blood, the Scourging, the betrayals, the wooden Cross, the Suffering and Sorrowful Mother Mary, the Crown of Thorns, Veronica, Simon of Cyrene, the nails, the Last Words, the Tomb, the three

days, the Resurrection.

However, Jesus is not limited by our time or season but is One in all things. He is One with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is one in Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection.

### The awesome privilege

“Each little moment that we spend with You...” is a moment of the Father, the Son and the Holy

Spirit. Each little moment is Christmas and Lent and Easter.

As our joy and sorrow become One with Jesus, let us pray to be His Manger, Cross and Tomb as we receive Holy Communion and hold Jesus in our hearts. I think of the awesome privilege I have as His Heart and mine are beating as One in every Holy Communion.

use but he said he didn't mind. However as time went on it turned out that he did mind, a lot! And he minded lots of other things too, her moodiness, her thoughtlessness. Eventually he finished with her and, for the first time in her life, she realised the hold that the drug had on her. Twenty years and all of a sudden she realised this was something wrong, really wrong. She made a decision – give up cannabis and get help. She began to see an addiction counsellor and realised she now had to deal with the last twenty year's emotions and deal with them sober! All the feelings she had not felt because she had numbed them with the drug were all waiting for her. Grief for her parents, grief at the loss of her relationship, realising

how angry she was. Her eyes were open and now she had to resolve to be strong and stay off the drug and deal with life the way everyone else has to. She prayed to her parents every morning and believed they were helping her and simply asked God to make each day a good day.

### Live a life of love

This story is based on the personal experience of someone I know. She is still off cannabis by the Grace of God. Addiction is something that has to be fought by the addict but we too can help by supporting them, encouraging them, loving them, praying for

them and trusting in Jesus when they are refusing to see that there is a problem. If you love and follow Jesus then follow His Example and love those who do not know His Love and use drink, drugs, sex to hide from the struggles of life. **HE** is our refuge in the storm but not everyone knows or believes this, so show them by the way you live your life. Live a life of love. Thank You, Jesus.



## The Plight of Others

### The Addicted

#### She missed her

She was sixteen when she first met Jane. Her mother had been dead two years and although she missed her, she was glad to have more freedom and her father was not as strict as her mother had been.

#### A great feeling

Jane invited her to do some odd jobs with her for a few quid and although Jane was a few years older they became friends. One evening Jane offered her a joint. She had never smoked a joint before and found it really calmed her down and gave her a great feeling that just seemed to make everything OK. From that one time she continued to smoke with Jane who became her dealer and then she got into doing some dealing herself for friends, all the time

smoking every day. She went from smoking joints to pipes. This meant that she would buy cannabis in the form of grass and smoke it in a pipe. It was much stronger than a joint which was just what she wanted. Ironically, she was really energetic and highly strung, so she would tell herself that the pipes helped her calm a little and slow her racing thoughts so that she could think more clearly. Day after day after day and the years went on. It was just a part of her life. First thing in the morning, a pipe on the way to work, a pipe at lunch, a pipe in the evening and one before bed. It was as much a part of life to her as breathing and she never felt that there was anything wrong with it.

#### Numb her pain and grief

Years passed, Jane was left behind but the cannabis stayed and then her father died suddenly. The young woman, now thirty years old smoked more than ever, using the elation of the drug to numb her pain and grief. It was the only thing that got her through. Her family talked about prayer but what good was prayer when God had taken her father?

#### A serious relationship

About a year after her father's death she met up with an old boyfriend and they hit it off and began a serious relationship. She was still smoking her pipes and between the drug and her new love she felt on top of the world. Of course over time her boyfriend learned about the cannabis

## The Holy Scriptures

### Luke 13:22-30

22 And He went through the cities and towns Teaching, and making His journey to Jerusalem.

Jesus is Teaching in His Word, drawing us to Himself. That deep longing within our soul is nourished in His Love and Peace.

23 And a certain man said to Him: Lord, are they few that are saved? But He said to them:

24 Strive to enter by the narrow gate; for many, I say to you, shall seek to enter, and shall not be able.

Often we only seek from Jesus what we can get for ourselves, like good feelings. Yet we are not prepared to enter the narrow door of dying to self; to think of others first, not myself, is Jesus' Way. In giving we receive.

25 But when the Master of the house shall be gone in, and shall shut the door, you shall begin to stand without and knock at the door, saying: Lord, open to us. And He answering, shall say to you: I know you not, whence you are.

Jesus is returning to gather the harvest, the good fruit of those who have listened and obeyed His Commands

If my commitment to Him is in the darkness of lies, then I have closed myself out.  
 28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the Prophets in the Kingdom of God and you yourselves thrust out.  
 These Words are Justice and Warning of how it could be

for us.  
 29 And there shall come from the east and the west, and the north and the south; and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God.  
 Many from all religions, all walks of life, who have passed through the narrow door will be in Heaven.  
 30 And behold, they are last that shall be first; and they

are first that shall be last. Those least thought of, looked down upon; the hungry, thirsty and naked are entering the Kingdom. Those who did not see the plight of others, their pain and brokenness and didn't do anything for them, will be last.

My children, I come to tell you that when you fight for life you fight for Me. ...Why then do so many of you sit back and allow these murders to take place? ...I tell you, and I declare it to the world this day that; if you do not fight against it then you are just as guilty as those who do it. The evil one has numbed the senses of mankind and lulled them into a lethargy that keeps him hypnotized and blind.

Wake up, My children, and fight against this abomination for if you do not then it is you also who have their blood on your hands. I, your God, call you to fight against this sin with all of your heart...

Wednesday 22 October 1997



## The Wisdom of John Paul II

*This is the continuation of the "HEAVEN, HELL AND PURGATORY" article by Pope John Paul II, published in 'L'Osservatore Romano,' the weekly newspaper of the Holy See, on 28 July 1999.*

### Hell is the State of Those who Reject God

*At the General Audience of Wednesday, 28 July 1999, the Holy Father reflected on hell as the definitive rejection of God. In his catechesis, the Pope said that care should be taken to interpret correctly the images of hell in Sacred Scripture, and explained that "hell is the ultimate consequence of sin itself... Rather than a place, hell indicates the state of those who freely and definitively separate themselves from God, the source of all life and joy".*

1. God is the infinitely good and merciful Father. But man, called to respond to him freely, can unfortunately choose to reject his love and forgiveness once and for all, thus separating himself forever from joyful communion with him. It is precisely this tragic situation that Christian doctrine explains when it speaks of eternal damnation or hell. It is not a punishment imposed externally by God but a development of premises

already set by people in this life. The very dimension of unhappiness which this obscure condition brings can in a certain way be sensed in the light of some of the terrible experiences we have suffered which, as is commonly said, make life "hell".

In a theological sense however, hell is something else: it is the ultimate consequence of sin itself, which turns against the person who committed it. It is the state of those who definitively reject the Father's mercy, even at the last moment of their life.

### Hell is a state of eternal damnation

2. To describe this reality Sacred Scripture uses a symbolical language which will gradually be explained. In the Old Testament the condition of the dead had not yet been fully disclosed by Revelation. Moreover it was thought that the dead were amassed in Sheol, a land of darkness (cf. Ez. 28:8; 31:14; Jb. 10:21f.; 38:17; Ps 30:10; 88:7, 13), a pit from which one cannot reascend (cf. Jb. 7:9), a place in which it is impossible to praise God (cf. Is 38:18; Ps 6:6).

The New Testament sheds new light on the condition of the dead, proclaiming

above all that Christ by his Resurrection conquered death and extended his liberating power to the kingdom of the dead.

Redemption nevertheless remains an offer of salvation which it is up to people to accept freely. This is why they will all be judged "by what they [have done]" (Rv 20:13). By using images, the New Testament presents the place destined for evildoers as a fiery furnace, where people will "weep and gnash their teeth" (Mt 13:42; cf. 25:30, 41), or like Gehenna with its "unquenchable fire" (Mk 9:43). All this is narrated in the parable of the rich man, which explains that hell is a place of eternal suffering, with no possibility of return, nor of the alleviation of pain (cf. Lk. 16:19-31).

The Book of Revelation also figuratively portrays in a "pool of fire" those who exclude themselves from the book of life, thus meeting with a "second death" (Rv. 20:13f.). Whoever continues to be closed to the Gospel is therefore preparing for 'eternal destruction and exclusion from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might" (2 Thes 1:9).

3. The images of hell that Sacred Scripture presents

to us must be correctly interpreted. They show the complete frustration and emptiness of life without God. Rather\* than a place, hell indicates the state of those who freely and definitively separate themselves from God, the source of all life and joy. This is how the Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes the truths of faith on this subject: "To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called 'hell'" (n. 1033). "Eternal damnation", therefore, is not attributed to God's initiative because in his merciful love he can only desire the salvation of the beings he created. In reality, it is the creature who closes himself to his love. Damnation consists precisely in definitive separation from God, freely chosen by the human

person and confirmed with death that seals his choice for ever. God's judgement ratifies this state.

**We are saved from going to hell by Jesus who conquered satan**

4. Christian faith teaches that in taking the risk of saying "yes" or "no", which marks the human creature's freedom, some have already said no. They are the spiritual creatures that rebelled against God's love and are called demons (cf. Fourth Lateran Council, DS 800-801). What happened to them is a warning to us: it is a continuous call to avoid the tragedy which leads to sin and to conform our life to that of Jesus who lived his life with a "yes" to God. Eternal damnation remains a real possibility, but we are not granted, without special divine revelation, the knowledge of whether or which human beings are effectively involved in it. The thought of hell — and even less the improper use of biblical images — must not create anxiety or despair, but is a necessary

and healthy reminder of freedom within the proclamation that the risen Jesus has conquered satan, giving us the, Spirit of God who makes us cry "Abba, Father!" (Rm. 8:15; Gal. 4:6).

This prospect, rich in hope, prevails in Christian proclamation. It is effectively reflected in the liturgical tradition of the Church, as the words of the Roman Canon attest: "Father, accept this offering from your whole family ... save us from final damnation, and count us among those you have chosen".

*\*[Note: The original Italian says, "(Più che) More than a place, hell indicates..." This suggests correctly that although hell is not essentially "a place," rather the definitive loss of God, confinement is included. Thus, after the general resurrection the bodies of the damned, being bodies not spirits, must be in "some place," in which they will receive the punishment of fire.]*

*Purgatory to follow next month.*

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# Sacred Heart

## Really guiding us

Dear Patricks, on behalf of my friends, I thank Our Lord Jesus for the Messages we have received so far.

We also thank you for your presence in Africa - Nairobi.

We shall be grateful if you come to West Africa - especially Ghana.

Thank you. I am your Joseph - Jesus and Mary. NB. Your Messages are really guiding us.

## Spiritually rich

Dearest ..., May the Peace and Blessings of Our Lord Jesus and Our Lady, Queen of Peace, be with you all, now and always. This is just to say thank you for making us and many people worldwide to be spiritually rich via the holy materials sent to us and everywhere.

For your wonderful love and kindness to us and others, we say thank you all and may the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the pure and Immaculate Heart of Mary continue to shield and Bless all of you.

You are always remembered in our daily devotions, prayers,

rosaries, novenas and Masses. Please keep us always in your prayers.

Greetings from everyone here...

With lots of love and prayers.

Mary.

NB. Thanks a lot for including us in your Newsletter mailing list.

## His Words

Dear friends of the Sacred Heart,

Thank you all for your Messages from Jesus.

My daughter and I look forward to reading the sacred Messages.

His Words are always true and full of Love and guidance.

At present I cannot get out due to serious long-term illness.

We trust and hope in the Lord.

Please find enclosed donation...

Irene.

## Abortion

My dear friends,

As you are aware I have been fighting long and hard to have abortion destroyed.

I wrote two letters to a bishop in Cork, bishop John Buckley, over the past twelve months pleading with him to issue an official letter to

all parishes for priests, bishops etc., to include prayers for the unborn in prayers for the faithful at every Mass and that priests begin teaching people at Mass as part of their sermons on the evils of abortion. Sadly nothing was ever done and no letters were ever issued.

At Christmas I wrote again to the bishop of Cork making a final plea for this cause and I received a note from the bishop's office today saying only the following, "We all share your concern for the unborn."

Why is the Church doing nothing??

I also wrote to British Prime Minister Gordon Brown asking him to abolish abortions in the UK and to the President of the United States of America George W. Bush asking the same request.

I have heard from neither of them.

Please pray to Jesus for me in this mission against abortion that now my prayers may make a difference.

God Bless you both.

From Denis, Cork

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# SHOPMAS

GEORGINA SMITH

The lights are flashing the trees are up.

Christmas must be near.

People shopping, trampling around,

That special present must be found.

Money flows like rushing streams

Buying one another dreams.

Santa's there, mistletoe, decorations on the door.

The telly sells the dream of Christmas,

With films and adverts and lots of presents.

Millions of Christmas cards to send,

To relative, neighbour, colleague and friend.

The winter festival is here

With food and fun and wine and beer.

The Christmas carol is almost gone,

Replaced by the latest XFactor song.

But have you not seen?

Have you not heard?

Do you believe the Christian word?

Where is Jesus?

The Christ Child come.

The message of hope for everyone.

Mary and Joseph, shepherds and kings,

Peace on Earth the message brings.

We call it Christmas but in the end

We should call it SHOPMAS

For we spend, spend, spend.

Shopmas or spendmas, however it is billed.

When Christ is not in Christmas

the vacuum will be filled.

Put Christ back into Christmas.

Put Christ where he belongs.

Shopmas or Christmas, what will it be?

The nativity with Jesus

Or the plastic Christmas tree.