

NEWSLETTER

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Confession be arrangement

Monday 27th April – Sunday 3rd May 2020

FR. JACK

The two disciples are leaving Jerusalem. They had known Jesus for many years and had followed Him. No doubt they were devastated by his crucifixion. Furthermore they were undoubtedly frightened by the prospect of what might happen to them as followers of Jesus. On their way home, they meet a **STRANGER**. They begin with small talk but quickly they realise this man knows a lot about scripture.

BUT SADLY THEY MAKE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT HE SAYS AND WHO HE IS.

(could be any Sunday morning) Then in the house they recognise Him and **RUSH BACK TO JERUSALEM TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS**. Christ cannot be contained in our churches or homes. *They may very well have headed straight into death like Jesus. Here we see the power of the resurrection.*

How I wish and pray that people's hearts burned within them as I preach on a Sunday morning. (The wish of every priest, I am sure.)

"We need a church unafraid of going forth into their night. We need a church capable of meeting them on their way. We need a church capable of entering into their conversation. We need a church able to dialogue with those disciples who, having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointment, disillusioned by a Christianity now considered barren, fruitless soil, incapable of generating meaning. But we need to know how to interpret, with courage, the larger picture. Jesus warmed the hearts of the disciples of Emmaus."

Never more needed than today

Address of Pope Francis

Archbishop's House,
Rio de Janeiro Saturday, 28 July 2013

Our next Zoom session

is Tuesday 28th April at 7.30.

The link is: <https://zoom.us/j/91375304354>

It would be good to see some new faces.

Just click on the link above at 7.25pm and you will be directed.

EPILOGUE

I celebrate mass every day for all of you,

I walk around the church, inside, three times and ask God to wrap his mantle of protection around all of us. I hope you experienced his love. The absence of Jesus in the Eucharist, I know is painful for many. But remember:-

1. He is still present in his word. The road to Emmaus. Read the scripture everyday. The domestic church, your home was the first church. Bring it into play again. Set up an altar and get the family involved.
 2. He is present in people. Mary recognised Him in the gardener. The apostles recognised him in the stranger. The wise men recognised him in a baby. Simeon recognised him in the temple.
 3. We must recognise Him in each other, the hungry, the redundant, the violent, the abused, the abuser, the terrified child, the penniless, the wrecked families.
 4. The hopeless.
 5. The front line workers who show us the face of Christ in their care and sacrifice.
- Jesus is all over the place.** Peace be with you.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please send me your email and let others know.

If you know anyone in need please help them and if you need help please give me a call.

Lots of love and prayers.

Stay safe.