

NEWSLETTER

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Confession by arrangement

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FR. JACK

You can't run from trouble. There isn't a place that far. However, today's Psalm gives us a place. Whenever things seem to be hopeless I, personally repeat different lines over and over again. It does work and He is our refuge, our only refuge.

This psalm ends with the line: "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Maybe here in the UK if I say dog instead of sheep, we will better understand.

Think of the relationship between a dog and his owner, how well the dog knows the voice of the owner, the dog listens to instructions of 'heal, sit, fetch, come here, no'. Think of the excitement of the dog in seeing his owner, going for a walk, listening for instructions, the joy of being patted and told "good boy/girl." Who loves the most, the dog or the owner?

IT IS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS.

Many people know the psalm. ***How many of us know the shepherd?***

Of course, the sheep don't know the voice of the shepherd unless they know the shepherd. The difference, then, between being one of the lost sheep, who have to be followed by the shepherd and being one of the faithful sheep who are led by the shepherd, is a matter of ***knowing the shepherd*** and listening to his voice.

You will never get lost, our shepherd is a person and knowing a person is a matter of personal relationship, with all the risks and vulnerabilities that personal relationships entail.

So, the faithful sheep are in a personal relationship with their shepherd and love him.

That is why these sheep know the voice of the shepherd and follow him.

In this time of lock down remain confident by staying close to the shepherd, He is our joy and solace.

I ask Him every day to keep you all in his care with His arms wrapped around us.

LINK FOR NEXT TUESDAY ZOOM SESSION
at 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83782366314>

Half hour prayer session followed by a bit of a chat. PLEASE JOIN IF ONLY TO SAY HELLO.

Please remember in your prayers:

VICTOR JAMES JOHN-PAUL R.I.P (used to come to the 10 with Shirley).

DOROTHY CARPEN R.I.P (wife of Philip who does the collection at the 12)

Died recently.... Remember them and their families in your prayers.



You are remembered here every day.

Have confidence and live in the light of the resurrection.

Lots of love and prayers, Fr Jack