

## Great Spiritual Writers Lenten Thoughts



The agonizing pain and loneliness Christ must have felt as he hung on the cross is too fearful to imagine; yet even then he cried out, “Father, into thy hands I give my spirit.” Here we find the crowning of faith. Even the most intense suffering and feelings of God-forsakenness could not sway his faith in his and our Father: he gave his spirit into God’s hands. If we want to be healed of the wounds made by Satan’s tricks and arrows, we must find this same unyielding trust in God, so that even if we feel nothing yet, we are able to give ourselves absolutely and without reserve to him with all we are and have. Ultimately, all we have is our sin. But if we lay it before him like children, he will give us forgiveness, cleansing, and peace of heart; and these lead to a love that cannot be described.— *J. Heinrich Arnold*

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In the old days, on Easter night, the Russian peasants used to carry the blessed fire home from church. The light would scatter and travel in all directions through the darkness, and the desolation of the night would be pierced and dispelled as lamps came on in the windows of the farmhouses, one by one. Even so, the glory of God sleeps everywhere, ready to blaze out unexpectedly in created things. Even so, his peace and his order lie hidden in the world, even the world of today, ready to reestablish themselves in his way, in his own good time – but never without the instrumentality of free options made by free people.— *Thomas Merton*

We have very efficiently pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certified him “meek and mild,” and recommended him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious old ladies. To those who knew him, however, he in no way suggested a milk-and-water person; they objected to him as a dangerous firebrand. True, he was tender to the unfortunate, patient with honest inquirers, and humble before heaven; but he insulted respectable clergymen by calling them hypocrites; he referred to King Herod as “that fox”; he went to parties in disreputable company and was looked upon as a “gluttonous man and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners”; he assaulted indignant tradesmen and threw them and their belongings out of the Temple; he drove a coach-and-horses through a number of sacrosanct and hoary regulations; he cured diseases by any means that came handy, with a shocking casualness in the matter of other people’s pigs and property; he showed no proper deference for wealth or social position; when confronted with neat dialectical traps, he displayed a paradoxical humor that affronted serious-minded people, and he retorted by asking disagreeably searching questions that could not be answered by rule of thumb. He was emphatically not a dull man in his human lifetime, and if he was God, there can be nothing dull about God either.— *Dorothy Sayers*



Our very Life came down to earth and bore our death, and slew it with the very abundance of his own life....In this world he was, and into this world he came, to save sinners. To him my soul confesses, and he heals it, because it had sinned against him. O sons of men, how long will you be so slow of heart? Even now after Life itself has come down to you, will you not ascend and live? But where will you climb if you are already on a pinnacle and have set your mouth against the heavens? First come down, that you may climb up to God. For you have fallen by trying to climb against him. Tell this to the souls you love that they may weep in the valley of tears, and so bring them along with you to God, because it is by his spirit that you speak to them, if, as you speak, you burn with the fire of love.— *Saint Augustine*

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## To Lead, First You Must Follow

Crosscare aspires to be a service organisation. We want to develop the concept of servant leadership, a philosophy which suggests that every person can become a leader by first serving and then, through conscious choice, leading.

**What we believe we can achieve with Servant Leadership throughout Crosscare:**

- We are first a **servant** of those we lead. We are a teacher, a source of information and knowledge, and a standard setter more than a giver of directions.
- We see things through the eyes of our service users. We put ourselves in others' shoes to help them make their dreams come true and reach their full **potential**.
- We have **faith** in people. We believe in them. We do not hold people down – we **lift** them up.
- We use our **heart** as well as our head. After we have looked at the facts with our head, we let our heart take a look too.
- We can be led. We are not interested in having our own way, but in finding the best way. We have an **open mind**.

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**PILGRIMAGE  
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2018**

Saturday 21st April 2018  
Time: 11.00am – 4.30pm  
Full programme for all ages  
For information & to book a place:

Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofDublin](http://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofDublin)  
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Monthly celebration of Sunday Mass with a particular welcome for LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) people, their parents, family members, and friends (followed by tea & coffee).

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 3.30 pm. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 3.30 pm. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 3.30 pm. Held on the third Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm at Avila Carmelite Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, off Morehampton Road, Dublin 4.

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## LENTEN HOLY HOUR ADORATION

**Every Saturday**

**Following 6pm Vigil Mass**

### In Memoriam

**Masses on 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

9.30 Michael and Mairead Lyons a/v

11am... Patrick and Evelyn Carmody a/v

### Masses 24/25th March

6pm Gerry Walsh a/v

Jack Dreeling a/v

### Masses and Confession

**Sundays:** Vigil, 6pm (Saturday), 9.30am, 11am, 5pm

**Weekdays** 8am, 10am & 12.40

-Rosary daily after 10am mass

**Confession** Tuesday, Saturday after 10am mass

**Adoration Blessed Sacrament**, Weds 10.30-12.40

**Holy Hour for the Protection of the Unborn**  
on the 8th day of each month after 10am mass

### Church Collections

**W/e 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: €981

Share Collection: €770

Weekday collections: €750

**THANK YOU**