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“As I have loved you...”

*This article is the conclusion of a chapter from the book *The Scandal of Redemption*, based on St Oscar Romero's homilies during his three years as archbishop of El Salvador.*

In all of history no one has ever encountered a love that was so – how to say it? – so crazy, so exaggerated: giving to the point of being crucified on a cross. There is no friend who has given his life for another friend with such an outpouring of suffering and love as Christ our Lord.... That is why Christ tells us that the sign of the Christian is living the new commandment he gives us. It is a commandment that tonight becomes fresh in our memory and our lives: “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (John 13:34).

This is the greatest disease of our world today: not knowing how to love. Everything is selfishness. Everything is exploitation of human beings. Everything is cruelty and torture. Everything is violence and repression. The houses of our people are burned. Our sisters and brothers are thrown into prison and tortured. So many cruel acts are committed against them. Jesus, how you must suffer tonight as you behold the situation of our nation with all its many crimes and cruelties! I see Christ saddened as he sits at his Passover supper and looks upon El Salvador; he tells us, “I told you to love one another.” ...

Dear young people given to violence and vice, you who have already lost your faith in love and think that love can solve nothing, here is the proof that love alone solves everything. If Christ had wanted to impose his redemption through armed force or through fire and violence, he would have achieved nothing. That would have been useless; there would be only more hatred and wickedness. But going straight to the heart of redemption, Christ tells us on this night, “This is my commandment: as I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” And he says more: “So that you may see that these are not simply words, stay with me tonight when I will sweat blood as I observe the evil of humankind and the pain of my own sufferings! And tomorrow you will see me carrying the cross like a silent lamb and dying on Calvary. Be assured that I bear no resentment toward anybody. From the depth of my soul I will cry out, ‘Father, forgive them, they know not what they do’” (Luke 23:34). Let us reflect on this personified gesture of love. And when we are tempted to act with vengeance, resentment, cruelty, or selfishness, let us not consider the sad example of people who hate one another. Rather let us raise our eyes toward the love that becomes lamb, that becomes food, that becomes Passover, that becomes covenant....

Only by humility can we be redeemers and collaborators in the true collaboration that the world needs. Liberation that cries out against others is not true liberation. No liberation brings true freedom if it causes hateful, violent revolutions that destroy the lives and offend the dignity of people. True freedom is that which does violence to itself just as Christ, almost disregarding his sovereign power, becomes a slave in order to serve others. These are the true liberators that this tremendous hour demands of our country, liberators with humble hearts in which Christian love shines bright.

How beautiful is the greeting of the risen Christ: “Peace be with you” (John 20:19, 21, 26). That is his gift: peace. My dear sisters and brothers, my hope is that all of you without distinction fall on your knees before Christ, who alone gives peace. Peace does not come from military operations, nor does peace come from the revenge carried out by some popular organization. Peace comes only from Christ. Only by believing in Christ and in one another can we ever experience true peace.

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Thought For A Day

Heaven is nothing we can seek through our own virtue: it cannot be earned; it is a gift of the God of love. When we are self-emptied enough to make room for this love, it is not as a result of our own moral rectitude or willpower. But it is sometimes given to us, this lovely emptiness, and then the Holy Spirit can fill it, with prayer, or music, or a poem, or a story. Or, sometimes, it goes beyond all these to the greatest gift of all, being filled with that which is beyond all symbols, with God's Presence. And then we are far more than when we are filled with self-probing, self-centeredness, or self-righteousness.

Indian Cultural Night:

Our Lady Help of Christian's Parish, Navan Road, invites you to an 'Indian Cultural Night' on Friday 30 November, in the Parish Hall from 7-9pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy - Music, Dance and Indian Food. Free Entry – all donations in aid of Kerala Flood Relief.

FAITH CONVERSATIONS Change of Time and Day

Please note that due to the unavailability of the Catherine McAuley Centre on Wednesday evening, this weeks Conversation with Therese Fitzgerald will take place on THURSDAY NIGHT at the same time

Walk of Light 2018 "Encounter- Engage – Empower"

Join us on an ecumenical inter-church journey from St. Ann's Church, Dawson St., on to St. Teresa's, Clarendon Street and ending at Adelaide Rd. Presbyterian Church.

Our pilgrimage on Sunday, 25 November from 4:00pm until 6:30pm, if even for part of the journey, welcoming Christ who enlightens our darkness.

St. Mary's Autumn Diary

November 17: Remembrance Day Mass, 10:00am
November 19: Pastoral Council Meeting, 5:45pm
November 30: Croatian Christmas Carol Concert
December 15: Christmas Concert
December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 9: St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Lecture in St. Mary's Church

HADDINGTON ROAD
The Patrick Finn Lecture Series

NOT TO BE MISSED!



G.K. Chesterton and God

Lecture by: **Melanie McDonagh**



Friday 23rd November at 7.15 p.m.

G.K. Chesterton was one of the most original and thoughtful writers on Christianity in the first part of the last century. Born into the Anglican tradition, he was received into the Catholic Church in 1922. He was also a prolific novelist, critic, journalist and polemicist, the sparring partner of George Bernard Shaw and HG Wells.

He is best known today for his **Father Brown** adapted stories on TV, featuring a fictional priest who is also an amateur detective.

Melanie McDonagh is a leading journalist in London, writing for the *Tablet*, the *Spectator* and the *Evening Standard*. She has had a long-standing interest in Chesterton and his writings.

ADMISSION FREE

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Masses and Confession

Sundays: Vigil, 6pm (Saturday), 9.30am, 11am, 5pm
Croatian Community Mass 6.30pm

Daily masses 10am and 12.40pm, Saturday 10am only
-Rosary daily after 10am mass

Adoration Blessed Sacrament, Weds 10.30-12.40
Church Collections

W/e 11th November 2018

1st Collection: €1,035

2nd Collection: €1,600 (WMOF Special Collection)

Weekday collections: €495

THANK YOU

In Memoriam

This weekend's intentions

6pm: Charles, Sarah, Eddie and Brendan Ingle (Av)

11am: David Mc Court (Anniversary)

24 November 2018

6pm: Michael Short, Anniversary

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