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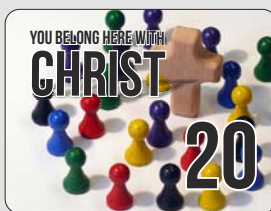
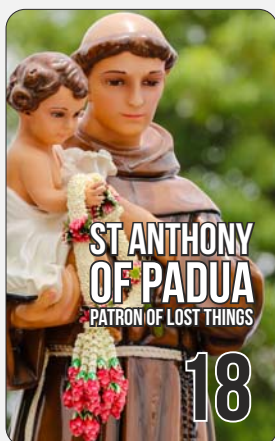
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IF GOD IS ALL-KNOWING AND ALL-POWERFUL, WHY DOES HE NOT PREVENT EVIL?



Y O U C A T S P E A K S

51: Evil in the world is an obscure and painful mystery. Even the one Crucified asked His Father, “My God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mt 27:46). Much about it is incomprehensible. One thing, though, we know for sure: God is one hundred percent good. He can never be the originator of something evil. God created the world to be good, but it is not yet complete. In violent upheavals and painful processes it is being shaped and moved towards its final perfection. That may be a better way to classify what the Church calls physical evil, for example, a birth defect, or a natural catastrophe. Moral evils, in contrast, come about through the misuse of freedom in the world.

“Hell on earth” - child soldiers, suicide bombings, concentration camps are usually man-made. The decisive question is therefore not, “How can anyone believe in a good God when there is so much evil?” but rather, “How could a person with a heart and understanding endure life in this world if God did not exist?” Christ’s death and Resurrection show us that evil did not have the first word, nor does it have the last. God made absolute good result from the worst evil. We believe that in the Last Judgement, God will put an end to all injustice. In the life of the world to come, evil no longer has any place and suffering ends.

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EDITORIAL

Pope Benedict XVI said, “We are supposed to be the light of the world, and that means we should allow the Lord to be seen through us. When Jesus walked on this Earth, He called the Apostles to co-work with Him in His mission. In Mark, chapter 16:15, Jesus commands His apostles to “go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole of creation”. So to become a true disciple of Christ, we should co-operate with Him in carrying out this great mission that is entrusted to us by Him.

Being a missionary does not always mean going to distant lands or preaching to thousands of people. Your mission field can be your school, workplace, college or your home. Witnessing to Christ could be something as simple as saying grace before your meals, thanking God for the simple things He has given you. You could even share a testimony with a friend about how God intervened in your life. Every situation we come across in life gives us an opportunity to improve the world around us. The greatest sign of love we can show to those around us is to give them Jesus, through our kindness and generosity.

This is our 50th Issue and we are extremely grateful to the Lord for all the blessings He has showered through this magazine. It is a powerful tool of evangelisation and the articles are touching many hearts and through it, the Lord is drawing His children to Him. We offer all our patrons, benefactors, writers and readers to the Lord, through the Immaculate heart of Mary, our Mother.



Losing The World To Gain **Christ**



*Ashley Mathew
from Birmingham,
UK, reflects on the
scripture passage
Philippians 3:8.*

Price Tag

Every day of our lives, we long for an upgrade. Materialistically speaking, we feel the need to make an appearance at the top and always portray a better version of ourselves, even when we are struggling inside. The brands we wear, the phone we use, the friends we have, they all stick to us like a price tag telling the world how much we're worth. Why is it that we

strive to become of the world, but not of Heaven? Why do we try to please the world and strive to become someone we are not? Why do we become so overwhelmed by our worldly value that we forget the value of our soul? We often forget the significance of our soul and how worthy we are considered in Heaven. We are so desired by our Abba Father that Jesus Himself was willing to die for us. Nowadays, people equate the



know Him? St Paul is one of the many great saints who 'knew' Christ. In his lifetime he had many achievements, including fame and money, as he was highly intellectual and a zealous Pharisee persecuting early Christians. He gave it all up, just to 'know Christ'. Furthermore, he experienced persecution for the sake of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 gives us a description of all that St Paul went through for the sake of his love for God; three times he was beaten with rods, he was stoned once and shipwrecked thrice. Through toil and hardships, such

Our Goal

Let's compare our life to the life of an athlete. His only goal and focus is to win a gold medal. On a day-to-day basis, he sacrifices himself entirely in all aspects of his life, including diet, sleep, leisure time, training, to achieve this goal. An athlete's life is fully conformed to this one aim. His total concentration is focussed on achieving his goal. Nothing diverts his focus - the beauty of the world around him, his friends, family, social media, fame or popularity. This is not because he doesn't see them or know they're there, but because he doesn't consider anything more valuable than his goal. If an athlete trains so hard for a perishable thing, then how much more should we work harder to "gain Christ"?

Knowing Christ

In Philippians 3:8, St Paul speaks about how he regards all his gains as loss for the "value of knowing Christ". What does it mean to "know" Jesus? In simple words, knowing Christ means to make Him our own. Now, where are we in our relationship with Jesus? We need to ask ourselves, how can I make Him my own if I don't love Him? But then again, how can I love Him, if I don't

worth of their soul to the amount and value of their material belongings. We fail to understand that in reality, our soul's worth corresponds to the precious blood of Christ that was shed for us.

Purpose Driven

St Paul says in Philippians 3:8, "For His sake, I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ". We only gain Christ when we are willing to take up the cross and renounce the world and all that it has to offer. St Paul was so purpose-driven that for him all that mattered was his unity with Christ. This is where our life should take us, into this beautiful intimacy with Christ, in which the promise of our salvation is fulfilled.

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as many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, cold and nakedness, St Paul demonstrated a conviction of what eternity had in store for him after this temporary life on earth.

The question is, are we convinced of what is stored for us in Heaven? I am not saying that we should abandon all our possessions and take up a contemplative lifestyle, but we should be kind to our souls, put Jesus above everything in the world and make striving for Heaven our highest priority.



Testimony



GOD'S

BREAKTHROUGH PLAN



Joyson from Leicester, UK, narrates how he found Jesus and how this relationship has transformed him.

I attended many retreats as a teenager and young adult, but none of them changed my heart. I would pretend in front of others to be very spiritual and that I knew everything about Jesus. But I started leading an impure life and prayer became even more boring for me. I attended many retreats in the UK, but I could only manage for the first few weeks before falling back into my old sinful ways. Afterwards, I would convince myself that the Lord was angry with me, so there is no point in reverting to a holy life. He must be tired of hearing me confessing the same sins over and over again! In this manner, I survived from one day to the next.

In 2013, I attended a School of Evangelisation (SOE), a residential youth retreat, organised by Sehion UK Ministries. The Lord used this retreat to transform me. I came to know Jesus, who understands me as I am and accepts my flaws. In the other retreats, the same Jesus was there, but I didn't see Him. The grace of God started moving in me, the Holy Spirit started taking control. However, it still wasn't a complete transformation. In

October 2016, I had a painful experience. I was left shattered. To me, it felt like I was standing in the middle of an island, and all I could see around me was an endless, stormy ocean. However, the Lord wants us to keep Him at the centre of our relationship, otherwise one little spark is enough for an explosion.

I was sorry for what I had done and was ready to correct myself, but no one was ready to give me a second chance. Nobody trusted me or believed in me. I used to go to church without much interest and sit at the back, gazing at the Cross, asking Him, "What now? I have lost everything. I don't think I am going to make this third year a success; I had already wasted three out of nine months and had missed a lot of lectures and labs. Everyone else seemed happy and good but nobody seemed to care for me. "WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO NOW?" I would ask angrily of Him, and everyone else. But the Lord, who waited for me and loved me at my worst, whispered, "JUST TRUST IN ME". He breathed into my soul, once again.

Just like the Father embraced the prodigal son, the Lord hugged me, and celebrated my return. He didn't care what wrongs I had done in the last three years; He was only concerned about my present. I saw my Lord walking on the water, coming towards me. From the island of isolation and depression, He took me by hand and we both started walking on the water. My problems, disappointments, anger,

flaws, weaknesses, losses and everything that was about to swallow me were now under my feet. I realised that even though the water was still there, it would not drown me anymore. The waves were rising, but they stayed beside me; they didn't even dare to touch me, for I was holding the hands of the Almighty.

The following January, determined not to let my past ruin my future, I returned to university. I had missed three months of lessons and the first semester exams were just around the corner, for which I had only three weeks to prepare. I had to start from

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scratch, with no teachers available to help me. Fortunately, some of my friends helped me, and by God's grace I passed my exams. It was during this time that I realised that God has a purpose for me. I chose to forget my past and forgive those who had wronged me. I decided to move on with my life, living each present moment believing in a beautiful future because of the hope I have in Christ.



Made To Love...



*Rajni Manoj
from Derby, UK,
shares her thoughts
on the need for love
in the world.*

I love spring. Its the best time of the year to be outdoors to enjoy the breathtaking beauty of nature. When I see the beauty around me, I remember to thank the Creator and often reflect on the beauty of His creation, and yet I have to remind myself that the masterpiece of His creation is not nature itself, but humans. How often do we remember to thank and praise God for the gift of people around us? Many times we assess people according to their weight, size, colour and clothes, and fail to see and love the beauty of the real person. Jesus Himself said, the second greatest commandment is to love your neighbour as you love yourself (Mark 12:31).

If we wait for people to change their ways or overcome their weaknesses in order to love them, then we might have to wait until eternity. We are to love and accept people in our lives as they are. Jesus loved us with all our weaknesses and flaws. Imitating Christ should be a way of life for Christians. All we need to do so, is His grace. 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made

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perfect in weakness. So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.”

In today’s world when things begin to go wrong in relationships, many do not hesitate to make hasty decisions and go their separate ways. But life is all about making adjustments and compromises. In the absence of these two factors, relationships can become chaotic. If given a chance, many of us would jump at the opportunity to rectify our past and do things differently. Many parents would love to be a cheerleader – not a policeman, for their kids; many would love to express greater appreciation for their loved ones;

to find greater happiness and meaning, always making sure that they are moving towards something they want in life. We are all on a journey called life and what matters in the end is how much we have loved and are loved.

If, instead of imparting happiness, we cause sorrow and pain to others, then we are journeying along the wrong path in life. Jesus came to love and to save all, and so it is the duty of every Christian to love everyone around them in spite of all their shortcomings. Life is like a circle with God at the centre and love as its radius. When our relationship with others improve, our happiness multiplies; we become more

Christlike and at peace with ourselves.

Ever wondered what can be done when we find it difficult to love others in our lives? We can always pray for them, and ask Jesus to heal our wounds, grant us the grace to forgive and forget, and learn to love each other again. In this way we are being kind and considerate towards our fellow beings. God our creator made us in His image and likeness to impart love and to live in harmony. Let us continue then on our journey to impart this abundance of love that we have freely received from our creator with everyone around us. “You received without payment; give without payment” (Matthew 10:8).



PLACES FROM THE BIBLE

ANTIOCH

No 2 - Series by Blair Binu

Antioch was a populated city of ancient Syria. It is about 15 miles inland from the Mediterranean Sea, in what today is Turkey. During the days of St Paul, Antioch was the third largest city in the Roman empire (after Rome and Alexandria) and had a large colony of migrant Jews living there among the largely ‘Greek’ (non-Jewish or Gentile) population.

The death of St Stephen, the first martyr for witnessing to Christ, opened the doors for greater and more fierce persecution of the church throughout Jerusalem. Consequently, Antioch was one of the places the early Christians fled in order to escape persecution in Jerusalem. In Antioch, as in other places, the exiled church began to flourish and grow. When the Christians in Jerusalem heard that many people in Antioch were becoming believers in Christ, they sent Barnabas there, who in turn brought Paul, to help the new converts (Acts 11:19-26). Paul lived and taught in the synagogues of Antioch for fourteen years and Barnabas stayed there for one year. St Paul began his second missionary journey from there. It was in Antioch that the disciples of Jesus were first called ‘Christians’ (Acts 11:19-26).

The first gentile church was founded in Antioch. Although one may find little evidence of the early Christian Church community, Antioch should be remembered for playing a major role in establishing Christianity as the primary religious force in the world today. It bears the modern name Antakya and is now a decaying Turkish town.



Echo Of Faith



*Nevil George
from UK,
explores the life of
the artist,
Matt Maher*

Matt Maher is one of the most successful practicing Catholic in the music industry today. He is a contemporary Christian music artist, songwriter and also a worship leader, who is originally a Canadian but now resides in the United States. Matt has written and produced nine studio albums. Though he has had varying levels of success 3 of his albums have reached the Top 25 Christian Albums Billboard charts, four of his singles have also reached the Top 25 Christian Songs chart. Matt has been nominated for the prestigious Grammy Awards on nine occasions and was awarded the Best Songwriter of the Year award in 2015 at the GMA Dove awards.

Childhood

Matt Maher had his upbringing in Newfoundland, Canada. His parents recognised Matt's natural musical talent and initially they helped him to develop these talents and gifts

through piano lessons. Matt was able to immerse himself into a broad variety of music. As his gifts developed and improved, he began performing in concert and jazz ensembles, singing in a choir and also became a member of a garage rock band. Matt continued his pursuit of music at the Memorial university of Newfoundland and then continued his degree at the Jazz department at Arizona university. Here he was able to master the jazz piano while also earning a degree in music. Something rather impressive was that Matt was able to pay for his first three years of college by playing his piano and performing at a hotel.

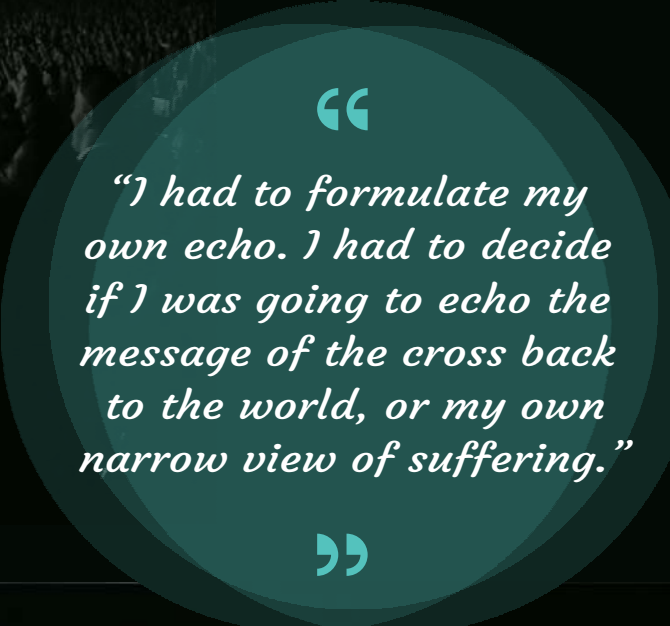
Career

Matt began releasing albums at the beginning of 2008 and his fifth album 'Alive Again', managed to elevate to the 6th spot on the Billboard magazine's Top Christians Albums chart in 2009. Matt Maher is a practicing Catholic and has been approached by the papacy on multiple occasions to lead worship in large scale Catholic events. One such example was when Pope Benedict XVI visited the US and asked Matt to lead the worship for thousands of people at the

Rally for Youth and Seminarians which took place in Yonkers, New York.

Matt was also able to perform his song 'Lord I need you' for a crowd of almost four million, in the presence of Pope Francis at the 2013 World Youth Day in Rio, Brazil. He also took part in the National Catholic Youth Conferences which took place in the US. Throughout his many tours Matt Maher has performed alongside fellow Christian artists such as TobyMac, Micheal W Smith, Phil Stacey etc.

It was in September 2017, that Matt released his ninth overall studio album, Echoes which bought him, his Grammy Award nomination. Matt has received in his career various awards such as the BMI songwriter of



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the year which he was awarded on two occasions, alongside this he has been nominated nine times for the Grammy Awards while also being nominated for more than 20 GMA/ Gospel Music Association Dove Awards. In his career, he has also received Song of the Year, Worship song of the year and various other awards.

Living Testimony

About his new record Echo, he said “Jesus chose to respond to death by embracing it. By embracing it, He destroyed it. This record became, for me, my response to sin and suffering. I had to formulate my own echo. I had to decide if I was going to echo the message of the cross back to the world, or my own narrow view of suffering.” He also commented, “I believe the people who should be most mindful and most thoughtful about what they say and how they respond, are Christians. The main message of his album was asking the question, ‘How do we echo our faith?’”

A very interesting fact about Maher is that he found his echo in the paschal mystery, of the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus describing the cross as two opposing axis, the vertical and the horizontal. “There’s a duality in the two dimensions of the cross: that of God reaching down to humanity in the vertical, and God reconciling us with each other in the horizontal. Most people tend to fall into different camps, focusing on either the vertical or the horizontal, but not both.” His album showcases both perspectives, the underlying spirit of being understood in the heart of God and the worship that overflows from that security.

Matt Maher’s career is truly a testimony to what can happen if parents are willing to invest in the talents and gifts of their children. Furthermore, it is a testament to what God can do through you if you surrendered your talents and gifts to Him whether they are musical or otherwise.

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Artist:

**Matt
Maher**

Suggested songs :
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Your love defends me
Because he lives



OUR AMAZING JOURNEY

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(Bishop James Massa,
Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn)

Kingdom Revelator is an important instrument for communicating the “joy of the Gospel” by and to young people. The testimonies contained in the magazine strike a contemporary tone, even as they transit faithfully the timeless wisdom of our Catholic faith in Christ. I leave copies of Kingdom Revelator around the diocesan chancery where I work, and invariably our workers pick it up and share it with family members and friends. My hope is that the magazine continues to find a broad readership through its dissemination to clergy, catechists, and youth ministers of our Church.



2 Our Mission

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Feed back

1 I want to thank all of you for producing this interesting magazine. I am a 16 year old catholic. I received the magazine as a gift from my friend who brought it from Ireland. It is amazing. I just wanted to thank you for this magazine.

(Martha from Cuba)

3 This was my first time reading your magazine. To be honest, I wish to say congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

(Anthony Egbo)

5 We receive your magazines at our school and students really love them, they have so much great information in them.

(Louise perry - School Chaplain, UK)

2 We picked up one of your magazines in church this Sunday and were very impressed, thank you.

(Julie Foster from UK)

4 I had the chance of getting across an old issue of Kingdom Revelator, an interesting periodical with many enlightening articles.

(Emmanuel Helou from Jerusalem)

6 I have read few of your magazines and they have helped me positively in my faith. Thank you.

(Shaeran Rufus from Karachi Pakistan)

SING TO THE LORD



*Maria Davis
from Ireland,
explains how music
transformed her life
and the effects of
singing and its
benefits.*

Ever fallen in love with those beautiful hymns that the church choir sings every Sunday at Mass? Well, we can be a part of it if we wish to.

My own mother introduced me to singing when she bought herself an acoustic guitar many years ago. I used to listen to her practice folk ballads and thought she sounded amazing! At the time, she was going through a difficult phase in her life. The music seemed to soothe and comfort her soul, but it was a blessing for me as well when I overheard her playing. She eventually

found hymns that were sung at Mass and started practicing those. She then invited me to sing with her. This was my first introduction to music and singing at church.

We practiced singing together a lot at home and later on joined our local church choir. I sang soprano (the highest singing voice); my mother was an alto (a low adult female singing voice). We both loved it. We made a lot of new friends, and our musical abilities and talents grew and developed. I felt closer to God. Moreover, I felt like I was



“To sing
is to pray
twice.”
St Augustine

singing and praying at the same time; this was also deepening and strengthening my faith! I always felt so much joy and peace after our rehearsals and especially after singing at Mass every Sunday.

As time passed, my mother and I continued to sing together in the church choir even though we changed parishes as we moved home. I don't think we could ever give it up! It is a part of us now, enriching our souls and lives in a meaningful way.

Singing for Health

Many research and studies that have been carried out have proven that singing can improve our health and provide healing benefits. It can regulate our heart-rate and reduce stress levels and depression by boosting oxytocin levels in our brains. It can help in delaying the symptoms of Parkinson and lung diseases, as it improves our breathing and strengthens our vocal chords. We will develop healthier lungs by singing regularly, as

breathing slowly and deeply helps to alleviate stress. We can build up stamina and strength which helps us cope with everyday life. It can also help improve our feelings of social well-being; if we feel lonely, joining the church choir is an opportunity to become part of a large group. Singing in the church choir also aids in improving our posture. We are taught to stand tall, sit without slouching and walk elegantly. Additionally, it strengthens our communication skills; our voices become more powerful and our vocabulary automatically improves. All of this projects an image of health and self confidence.

Gratitude

I will be eternally grateful to my mother who introduced me to music and singing in the choir. We still sing together at Church to this day. It has been such a blessing and privilege. Even if people think they cannot sing well, they should always try, because everybody has a voice. It doesn't matter if it doesn't sound professional; we should just sing along from the pews and join in anyway. Singing out will gladden our hearts and the Lord's. He wants us to sing, to make music and give him praise. Holy Scripture says: "Sing praises to Him because it is pleasant...Sing a new song to the Lord. Sing his praise in the meeting of his people...they should praise him with tambourines and harps." (Psalm 149) Singing will always give us joy. We should embrace it as part of our lives. It can deepen our relationships with other people, and it really awakens our spirituality and faith. It brings us closer to God and to each other in a loving and kind way.



Keeping the Faith

Do you struggle to keep your faith? Claire Stephens shares how she was sustained in her struggle.

In my life, I have always struggled to keep my faith, whether it was due to seemingly unfair sickness, disagreements on church teachings or just a spiritual desert where it felt like nobody was around. However, recently I was struck by an astounding witness of God's love. While I would have liked to have witnessed a miracle, it was much more mundane, nestled among the craziness that is a high schooler's life.

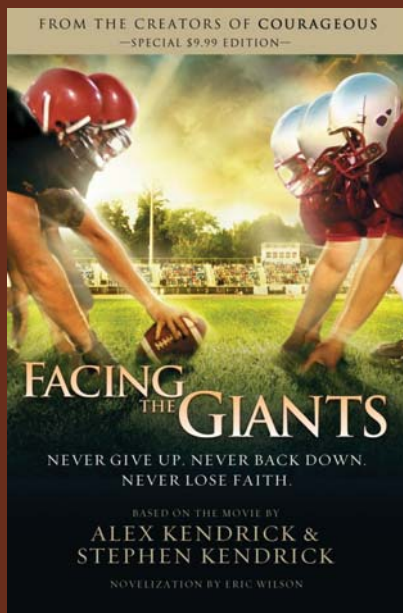
As a child, I went through the public-school system, until middle school. I was exposed to the thoughts and views of those largely outside of a practicing Christian faith. So, after diving headfirst into a devout Catholic high school it

seemed at first to be difficult, as I struggled to adapt. In this crazy period of adjustment I was faced with aspects of the faith, which at the time, I couldn't wrestle with. This put me to the test in my relationship with Jesus.

Through all of this, I was sustained by the power of God's care through the love of others. Countless times the compassion of others, who desired for me to be closer to God who kept me within His grasp when otherwise I would have become a lost sheep. So now when I feel lost, I simply turn to see the care of others and am convinced, without a shadow of a doubt, that God is working in my life. "Even though I walk through the

darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me" (Psalm 23:4). Even though I am still trying to find the way, I have faith that the powerful witnesses to the Faith He has placed into my life will guide my way.

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FILM – FACING THE GIANTS

Facing the giants is a heart-warming motivational movie that shows the amazing things that take place if God is involved in our lives. Taking the viewers on a journey of faith conquering fear, the film is bound to leave you feeling uplifted.

SONG – ‘BUILD MY LIFE’ BY HOUSE FIRES

small
church
worship

Build my life
HOUSEFIRES



BLOG WORD ON FIRE

Word on Fire, is a Catholic global media initiative with the aim of drawing people to the Body of Christ, the Church. With the aid of beautifully written blogs from well-known authors around the world, art, architecture, poetry, philosophy, theology, and the lives of the Saints, Word on Fire supports the work of Bishop Robert Barron and reaches millions of people around the world.



APP - DOCAT

The DOCAT, similar to You Cat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church), is the official Social Teaching of the Catholic Church. The app supported by Pope Francis, provides you an opportunity to play your role in the society as a young Catholic.



BOOK – ‘JUST DO SOMETHING’ BY KEVIN DeYOUNG

We have all read many teachings on how to know and do the will of God but none may be more suitable for young believers than this book. Through biblical and pastoral wisdom, DeYoung debunks traditional myths of knowing and doing God's will. Presenting his thoughts with clarity, entertainment and wit, DeYoung invites us to the freedom of finding God's will and then living it.



ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

PATRON OF LOST THINGS



Christie Mathew from New York, USA, explores the life of St Anthony through this stirring article.

Early Life

Anthony of Padua came from a wealthy family. Born on 15th August 1195, Anthony was baptised with the name Fernando. At the age of fifteen, he entered the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, a city known for its rich culture in Portugal. It was there that he developed a deep interest in studying the Bible and reading the history of the Church, gaining the theological knowledge that would bring to fruition his famous preachings.

Call to Sainthood

In 1220, St Anthony had a major turning point in his life. The relics of five Franciscan missionaries turned martyrs were brought back from Morocco to Coimbra. This inspired a young Anthony to aspire to a life like the Franciscan

martyrs, and he set about pursuing a life of Christian perfection. After making this decision, he asked for permission to leave the Augustinian Canons in order to become a Friar Minor. He was granted permission. He took the name Anthony with the intention of going to Morocco, like the martyrs. However, God had different plans for the young Anthony.

Minor Setback and the Lord's Mission

Anthony soon fell ill and had no choice but to go back to Italy. In 1221, he participated in the Chapter of the Mats in Assisi, where he met another soon to become saint, St Francis. Anthony spent some time living in solitude at a convent in northern Italy. It was while he was in Forli that the Lord called him to a new mission. He attended a priest's ordination where there was no one to

preach. Anthony was chosen to speak and he so impressed his Superiors with his articulacy, knowledge and wisdom that he was assigned to spread God's word as a preacher. Anthony preached to the masses throughout France and Italy and with such effect that those who had left the Church, returned, after hearing him preach.

Anthony achieved another milestone; he was one of the first theology teachers of the Friars Minor, starting in Bologna. He received blessings for his ministry from St. Francis, who saw how virtuous Anthony was. St. Francis was so impressed that he personally sent a letter to Anthony inviting him to teach theology to the brethren.

After becoming the Provincial Superior of the Friars Minor in northern Italy, Anthony continued preaching, while still holding his position. After finishing his term as the Superior, Anthony went to live in Padua, a town that he had frequented quiet often in the past. The people of Padua had always revered Anthony and welcomed him with open arms on his return and treated him with great respect while he was living there. Less than a year later, he died at the city gates on 13th June 1231. One year after his death Anthony was canonized a saint by Pope Gregory IX, who had heard St. Anthony's teachings himself. Many people came forward to tell of miracles occurring through St. Anthony's intercession. His feast day is on 13th June.

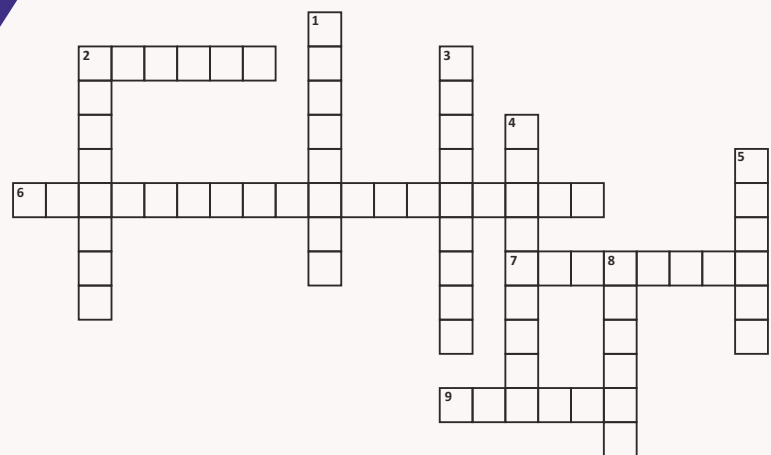
Unfailing Miracle Worker

St Anthony is known to be the patron saint of lost things or lost causes. Things that most people would never believe could happen, can happen through St Anthony's intercession. The twists and turns of becoming unexpectedly ill and joining the friars were all ultimately part of God's great plan, his grand design for St Anthony's life. So too for us, when life throws us in an unexpected direction, we can turn to St Anthony to guide us and help us trust in the Lord's plan.

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CROSS WORD



Across

2. Jacob's new name in the Old Testament.
6. Catholics believe this happens during the Holy Mass.
7. St Paul had his conversion when nearing this place.
9. The grandmother of Timothy.

Down

1. The collection of Catholic Cardinals electing a new Pope.
2. The first commandment forbids this.
3. The last two books in the Old Testament.
4. The shortest book in the Bible.
5. The successor of Elijah.
8. One of Jesus' first disciples.





YOU BELONG HERE WITH CHRIST



*Tenny Antony
from the UK,
ponders
over what is
stopping us from
giving our all to
know Christ.*

Let's take a journey through the parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15:1-7. This is a beautiful story that depicts the faithfulness of Jesus towards each of us. There is a truth that overshadows any other thought; the truth that Jesus wants you; that you matter immensely, no matter how far or how much you are against Him. You are so precious in the Lord's eyes that He left the ninety nine to come find you, bring you home and keep you close to Him always. We are His children and He will never forsake us (Psalm 94:14). We are worth more than we or the world gives us credit for; He would exchange nations to ensure we will be returned to Him (Isaiah 43:4).

In this parable, the main problem begins with the straying of that one sheep. This one sheep is a character you and I can relate to. The question is how did we stray from Christ?

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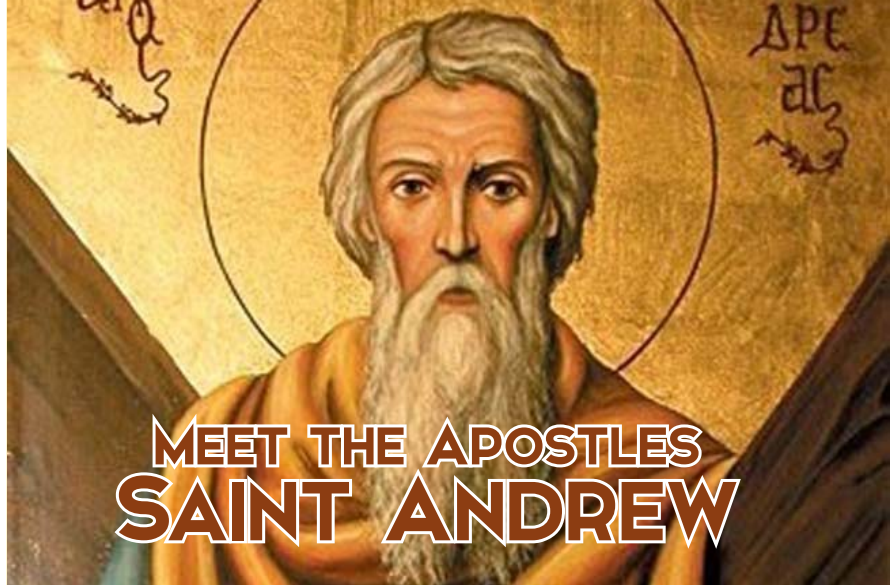
The answer is that we, like that one sheep, chose to wander into our own way; we decided to walk where we saw fit since we knew what we were doing (Isaiah 53:6). The consequence was that we were left defenceless and the enemy saw a chance to make us fall into the pit of slavery. Our Saviour, foreseeing all this, reacts with a heart of compassion and comes to find us. He always knew He is the solution to all our problems. So He risked it all so that we could be reunited with Him. His heart yearns for us (James 4:5); He will not lose any one of us that have been entrusted to His care by the Father (John 6:39).

The beauty of this parable lies in the act of Jesus towards each one of us when He finds us. He does not get angry, punish or gloat, rather He lifts us onto His shoulders so that everyone may see, and He rejoices over us. Our Lord's

gracious behaviour eradicates the memory of our rebellious action (Isaiah 43:25) and we are treated not like criminals but like heirs to the throne. His love is fearless (1John 4:18) and will overcome any obstacle necessary to rescue us so that we are never separated from His love (Romans 8:39). He bore the sins of us all (Isaiah 53:12) and delivered us from evil to guarantee that you and I could be with Him forever, if we turned to Him.

So ask yourself this powerful question today, what is stopping you from giving your all to know Christ? However attractive it may seem, is it worth more than the beauty of having Jesus as the Lord of your life.

Let us confront ourselves more and more with the truth, for only the truth will set us free (John 8:32). Once enlightened, I encourage each one of you to make the journey back to the Shepherd and Guardian of our Souls (1 Peter 2:25).



Series by Alvina Benny

- St Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter and was a fisherman by profession.
- Andrew was believed to be the disciple of John the Baptist before he became the disciple of Jesus.
- He became a follower of Jesus along with his brother St Peter.
- It was Andrew who brought the young boy with five loaves and 2 fishes to Jesus, who used it to feed the five thousand men.
- Andrew along with Philip brought the group of Greeks who came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover festival to meet Jesus.
- In the Bible, he is seen as a person who brings people to Jesus.
- After the death of Jesus, he preached the good news in Scythia.
- He then travelled further north and preached in the cities of Kiev and Novgorod.
- St Andrew died in the city of Patras, Greece, where he was crucified on an 'X' shaped cross.
- The relics of Saint Andrew was kept in Basilica of Saint Andrew in Patras, Greece and it is believed that St Rule brought it with him on his voyage to Scotland from Patras.
- St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, Barbados, Georgia, Ukraine, Russia, Sicily, Greece.
- St Andrew's cross was subsequently adopted as the national flag of Scotland.
- He is the patron saint of fishermen.
- The feast of St Andrew is celebrated on the 30th of November.

CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBOUR



Deacon Mike Ryba from United States, explains the importance of caring for our neighbours.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them” Luke 6:32.

Imagine going out and doing something for someone today. For some, it might be an easy job but for others, not so easy. It's easy to help those whom we know but what about those we do not know, especially those who are different to us? Jesus taught us to love and care for our neighbours.

Who Then is our Neighbour?

Jesus says our neighbours are those whom we meet and those in need, especially the needy and outcasts. People may ignore a suffering race, or label a lifestyle as repulsive but Jesus sees them with compassion. Jesus spent most of His time loving those who were marginalised by those who felt spiritually superior. Ironically, the ‘Good Samaritan’ helped someone who may not have done the same for him.

Furthermore, when we take time to care for those who are different from ourselves, we model the love of Christ. It is easy to love people like us, but more difficult to love those from a diverse culture and different background. We risk rejection, so we can busy ourselves with programmes that care only for people like us. We reason, “We don't have the time, money or interest to care for everyone, while our people still have needs.” However, love looks beyond its own and offers care!

Today whom can you search out that is hungry, depressed, grieving, sick or has been robbed of their rights, that you can stand in for as their advocate for justice? Find someone who needs you to lift them up. Perhaps your generosity will give hope to someone who faces temporary setbacks. It may require you to get your hands dirty in dealing with their issues because some relationships can be messy and complicated. Care for strangers can lead them to love Christ, the ultimate caregiver! Matthew 25:40 says, “And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”



CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 2. Israel 6. Transubstantiation 7. Damascus 9. Eunice

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POPE'S *Voice*

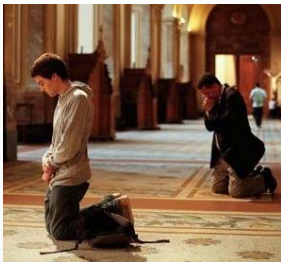
"A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges is not Christian. This is not in the Gospel."

Pope Francis

GLOBAL CATHOLIC NEWS

Compiled by Smitha George

RISE IN YOUNG BRITISH CATHOLICS ATTENDING MASS



London: A major new survey of young Catholics in Britain has found an increase in regular Mass attendance. It has increased to 36 per cent in 2017 from 25 per cent in 2009. This increasingly devout Catholic young adult population is however not without its worries. The poll showed that the number of young Catholics who said they have experienced stress over a range of factors rose by 10%. The survey was conducted ahead of Pope Francis' Synod on Youth this autumn.

'MOTHER TERESA WITH PANTS' BUILDS CITY FOR THE POOR



Madagascar: Moved by the sight of people living in 3 foot cardboard houses and hungry children scavenging for food in garbage sites, Father Pedro Opeka started a project called Akamasoa. Now, they have built an entire city, divided into 18 neighbourhoods that give dignified brick homes to 23,000 people. "God's Mason," "Mother Teresa with pants," "God's soldier," "the apostle of garbage" are some of the nicknames given to Father Pedro Opeka, who has been nominated multiple times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

DARWIN'S DESCENDANT BECOMES A CATHOLIC APOLOGIST

Manchester: Laura Keynes, a great-great-great-granddaughter of the English naturalist Charles Darwin, has joined Catholic Voices, the project set up to speak up for the Church teaching in the media. Though Laura was a baptized Catholic, later in her teens, drifted into agnosticism. While studying for doctorate in philosophy at Oxford, she started to reassess the values of relationships and the sanctity and dignity of human life. Laura said that she freely chose to be a Catholic after much thought and analysis.



ABORTION IS 'WHITE GLOVE' EQUIVALENT OF NAZI CRIMES

Rome: Pope Francis expressed regret at couples who decided not to have children or opted for pre-natal tests to discover if their unborn child had any physical defects. "Last century, the whole world was scandalized by what the Nazis did to purify the race. Today, we do the same thing but with white gloves," said the Pope. Argentina, the Pope's homeland, is on the verge of relaxing laws on abortion. Recently Ireland voted by an overwhelming majority to introduce abortion up to 12 weeks. The Catholic Church opposes all forms of abortion procedures that destroys an embryo or fetus.



PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYER TO TAKE VOWS AS FRANCISCAN NUN

Toronto: A four-time national champion professional football player from America, Sr Rita Clare, is to profess her final vows this June as a nun with the Franciscan Sisters



T.O.R of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother. The former self-described party girl experienced a calling to enter religious life after hearing a touching homily. She soon began to read the scripture daily and began attending Eucharistic Adoration which changed her whole life.

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“I’m a little pencil
in the hand of a
writing God,
who is sending a
love letter to the world.”

— Mother Teresa —

*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.
So, I will boast all the more
gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)*

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