



Lenten Retreat

Saturday 27th March 2021

Negotiating the Paschal Journey Today

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“The incarnational mission of contemporary Christians is to rid the world of all meaningless suffering. That is what Jesus sought to do; and that too is what Christian co-disciples should be about in every age. It is not about getting ourselves tortured or crucified in some kind of self-induced martyrdom, but doing everything within our power to reduce and eliminate the cruel suffering which disempowers humans and, today, leaves the earth body itself in a tortured, exploited state.”

(Diarmuid O'Murchu, Incarnation, 172).

Most Christians view the Death and Resurrection of Jesus as an achievement by God through Jesus to rescue humans from sin and suffering. This fits in with the notion of divine Atonement.

Contemporary theologians tend to adopt a different approach seeing the death of Jesus as the price paid for a life radically lived, committed to empowering love and justice. All Christians are asked to embrace this same prophetic witness, thus helping to change the world for the better, thus helping to get rid of meaningless suffering.

The implications of this new approach will form the basis of this one day Retreat, focussing not just on what Jesus did for us, but what we together with Jesus can do - to recreate a better world for humans and all other earthly creatures.

- 10.00 am** Welcome - Setting the Scene
- 10.10 am** Overview of Journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday
- 10.30 am** Walking the Way of the Cross Today: Presentation, Shared Prayer, Quiet Reflection
- 11.30 am** Morning Break
- 11.45 am** Vigil for Holy Saturday - Journeying With the Women: Presentation
- 12.45 pm** Lunch Break
- 1.15 pm** Break Out Groups
- 1.45 pm** Dialogue - Open Forum
- 2.15 pm** Afternoon Break
- 2.30 pm** Gathering Strands - Spontaneous Prayers; Time for Silence
- 3.00 pm** Closing Prayer

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