



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful
committed citizens can change the world:
indeed it's the only thing that ever does.
Margaret Mead



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

THE EASTER CHALLENGE

By Joyce Rupp

Every year it happens:
earth shakes her sleepy head,
still a bit wintered and dull,
and feels new life stirring

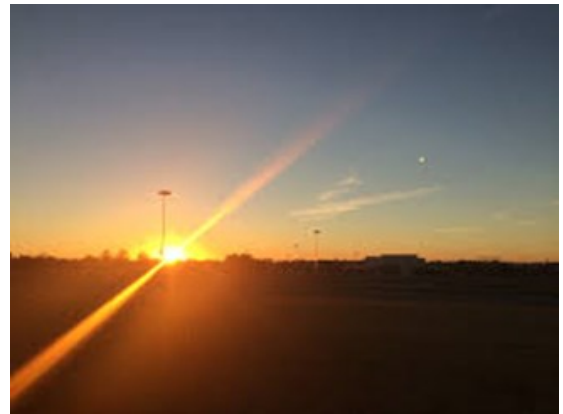
Every year cocoons give up their treasures,
fresh shoots push through brown leaves,
seemingly dead branches shine with green,
and singing birds find their way home

Every year we hear the stories

empty tomb, surprised grievers,
runners with news and revelation,
unexpected encounters,
conversations on the road,
tales of nets filling with fish,
and breakfast on a seashore

And every year
the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge:

to be open to the unexpected,
to believe beyond our security,
to welcome God in every form,
and trust in our own greening.



ST AUGUSTINE

"And He departed from our sight that we might return to
our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold,
He is here."

FROM LIEGE

There have been further excavations going on and Cormac has given us an update which can be accessed through this link:

[UPDATE ON LIEGE EXCAVATIONS - MARCH 2024 - Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre](#)

LENT LUNCHES



Thank you to the Melbourne Blessed Sacrament Justice and Peace group who organised a series of lunches during Lent to raise money to share between our Sisters in Goma and CAFOD.

The lunches plus the raffle which was drawn at the last lunch raised enough money for us to be able to send over £1400 to our Sisters in Goma.

BIG QUESTIONS

As part of our 'Big Questions' series Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD spoke with us about: Our Earth's Resources: just what is a fair share?



Her talk raised all kinds of ethical and moral problems which we grappled with from the context of our shared Christian faith. To whom should limited and dwindling resources be allocated? Why? Who should decide? On what basis?

You can listen to her talk via this link:

[Our Earth's Resources: just what is a fair share? - Wed 13th March at 6.30pm - Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre](#)

INSTALLATION OF S. MOIRA AS ONE OF THE NEW CANONS OF CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

S. Moira was pleased to accept this honorary position as an Ecumenical Canon on behalf of the Community.

Many friends and family joined the Community for the installation ceremony in the Cathedral and heard S. Moira preach on the set readings - a particularly poignant moment for a female Catholic.



S. Moira and Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani

If you would like to read the sermon please use this link:

[S. Moira - Ecumenical Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral - Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND: Mass for the Dead, 2pm at New Hall. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY: Our next 'Big Questions' talk and discussion takes place at 7pm by Zoom on the topic of war and pacifism - Prof Tina Beattie.

APRIL 2025: Pilgrimage along St Patrick's Way, for further information follow this link:

[PILGRIMAGE - ST PATRICK'S WAY - APRIL 2025 - Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre](#)

END WITH A SMILE!!!

Going to be a great summer I'm staying local this year.



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