

16/4/25 *Easter Message 2025*

King of the World, the Cyberworld, airwaves; King of the Internet, Social Media. The Ultimate Influencer? Queen? Who is it?

"Do you not know that I have the power..... to make or break you, your Business, your career, your reputation."

"Do you not know that I have the power....to decide whether you eat or go hungry; "I have the power to make you do what I want!"

"Do you not know.... I have the power to release you or crucify you."

Real power, what is it? Real power, who has it? The power to control, manipulate people, how they think, what they think. The power to crash stock markets, the economy, the world?

When Jesus stands in front of Pilate and Pilate interrogates him. When Jesus stands in front of the Sanhedrin (the Chief Priests and the Scribes). When Jesus is hanging, dying on the cross, humiliated and dejected, what do you see? Who do you see? A King? King of the world? Do you see power, control, authority?

Our fascination, our love affair, obsession with physical, material Power. Its manifestations and trappings, knows no limits. Just list all the superheroes and their incredible powers.

When Jesus stands in front of Pilate. When Jesus is scourged, whipped and spat at and dies on the cross alone, destitute and completely disfigured, the earth quakes and tremors but only for those who are watching, only for those who are listening and those open to God. Open to God doing something so completely surreal, completely insane and totally incomprehensible and in total defiance of human concepts and definitions of power, authority and omnipotence. Every so-called definition of authority, of royalty, of power is smashed into smithereens and a new script is written.

That's why the women were at the cross. That's why they stayed. That's why they couldn't be anywhere else. They had to be there, to witness everything. Their loyalty was total and solid. That's why at break of dawn, they went with spices to the tomb. They couldn't keep away. They had to be near him in his presence somehow.

They had no idea of what they were about to discover and what they were about to be told or soon see and witness. How could they? They didn't understand his predictions but once the men in dazzling white reminded them, enlightened them, the darkness slowly began to lift and they slowly dared to realise something wonderful had happened.!

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He's not here. He's risen.!" Lk 24:7

On behalf of Fr Abbot and the Monastic Community, together with the Parish Team, I would like to wish you all, your families, and friends, a wonderful Day and weeks of Resurrection full of peace and joy,

May the Joy of the Risen Lord fill you with love and hope now and evermore!

God Bless you all and take care!

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