

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The gospel narrative reveals Jesus has nothing left to give. All has been given.

In the epistle Paul reveals the wealth and riches of Christ are not just for the Jews, but all peoples. He warms to his task and sharpens his focus down to the primacy and potency of love.

The whole wide world came to watch the wedding. What they got was the black bride in white and the sashed and uniformed son of Diana, but what whooshed them was a black bishop hymning the power of love. In Jesus the marriage of the human and the divine was superbly perfect. If I may quote from an unpublished poem:

*the revolution of all
time is God's unconditional love of the world,
which Jesus made a template for us,
the game changer, the world changer,
the life changer. OK, you're not Peter,
you're not Paul, so what? You can love.*

So on this feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus let us copycat the good works of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Help the married couple, Philip and Teresa from the Vinnies sitting in the cold porch of St Francis Church all day long for the Winter Appeal.

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