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2nd Sunday of Easter

While reading this gospel last Sunday
In preparation for today
The word that caught my eye was Peace.

The Jewish word for this concept is far richer than our dictionary definition of a
state of tranquillity or quiet:

Shalom has connotations of harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity,
welfare and tranquillity.

And can be used idiomatically to mean both hello and goodbye. The fruit - the
flower - of love; way beyond mere lack of conflict.

“Peace” appears 7 times after The Our Father.

Rest in Peace RIP, is the bliss of life with God.

Here on earth we can more than just glimpse that, we can enjoy it if we stay in emotional and intellectual contact with God.

Nowadays, I have 'peace of mind' because I have done my best. "I do my best and leave the rest to God."

Politically, it is there when there is enough defensive strength to dissuade enemy of attacking.

Appeasement encouraged Hitler to attack - and initially to succeed - until the allies out-produced the Axis and won the war in Europe and The Pacific.

To help me win peace in my heart, I have increased the use of Mt 25,40:
"Whatever you do to the least of mine, you do unto me."

It's one of the reasons I keep my homilies short!

3rd Sunday of Easter

Two phrases struck me, "something prevented them from recognising him" and "They recognised him at the breaking of bread."

What might here be that prevents you recognising him in the people you see, meet and talk with?

Prejudice? "The other" may, initially, be seen as "not one of us". I know at times I need to take a leap of faith to recognise Jesus in someone, superficially - on the face! - not at all like me.

Do you recognise him in the Eucharist, in the host?

On Maundy Thursday mass here – for the Diocesan Blind Service – I mentioned that The Word "host – at Mass – is derived from the Latin *hostia*, which means 'sacrificial victim'.

Socially, a host is the person who receives and entertains other people as guests.

It struck me that at Mass, Jesus is host in both of these meanings. He welcomes us into his own life – we consume him and we are what we ingest.

give our time and energy for them, is to be like Jesus Christ.

How do you talk with him in your heart after you have received the host?

While I tidy up the altar, you have few minutes of prime talk-time.

The Universe Catholic

Father Vlad latest column on The Universe Catholic:

[14th April 2023 - Losing the power of sight hasn't dimmed these stars' love of sport](#)

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Don't forget to buy Father Vlad's book Life Squared!

As I approached my 80th birthday, I wanted to find out what I really thought about life. Writing this book has crystallised my experiences.

I now know better what I have learned and what I think.

Now, that I'm coming to the end of my life, I have finally learned how to live.

Time's slippage nudged me to act on my dream of passing what I have learned on to others.

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