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Latest writing from Father Vlad

In 1979, to celebrate my “mid-life crisis” 40th birthday - deemed in Opus Dei as special, I was sent on my Annual Course to San Sebastian. There, with plenty of spare-time, I started writing what forty years later ended up as a compendium of my life’s philosophy: “Life Squared; a handbook for life in an accelerating world.”

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Previous Homilies

Aiming for Life to the full

The older I am, the more people I meet, the ever more grateful I am to God that I am a Catholic Christian and have faith, love and hope.

I avoided the wrong gates – sex, drugs and rocknroll of the 60s,

I have come across too many who made a fortune - at the cost of destroying their family.

Sensing the Kingdom of God - God's presence in all – enables you to have life to the full.

I like - and often use - the little story of the four workers on a building site.

Along comes a social science undergraduate and asks each one in turn, what they are doing.

1. "Can't you see, I am mixing concrete?"

2. "Clearly, I am building a house."

3. "I am earning a living."

4. "I like to think I am helping God build a home for a family"

Which of the four is correct? The fourth is enjoying a richer life than the other three. His view includes yet transcends their perception of reality.

When, last Sunday afternoon, I started preparing this homily,

1. I was thinking to pass away the time

2. Working on postponing the onset of dementia

3. Hoping to encourage you

4. Helping God make this world a better place.

Conscious contact with God in eternity seems to reduce worries and increases motivation - slowing the ageing process.

Early each morning I tend to pray "Yesh, my beloved God, I firmly believe that you are here, that you see me and hear me. You know everything, You know that I love you."

How about you?

5th Easter Sunday – 7th May 2023

"The Father and I are one". "Who sees me, sees the Father."

Thanks to the Paschal Mystery and The Resurrection, we know that Jesus Christ, *Yeshua ben Yosef*, turned out to be God translated into our human vernacular.

Over my 54 years of priesthood, I have come across all too many people who are afraid of death and meeting God face to face.

I always suggest that they read the Gospels and get to know the character –

Read the Gospels – slowly. And look for his strength – as he pulled up Peter out of the water – his intelligence, emotional sensitivity, prayer life – and sense of humour; so often, by so many, for such a long time overlooked.

Imagine the smile on his face when he called Simon – that Jelly of a Man - Peter. When he spoke about straining a gnat and swallowing a camel, parents giving their children a snake when they asked for a fish, a scorpion when they asked for an egg. “What fool would place a lamp under a bushel basket or under a bed and not on the lampstand?”

I believe - I am pretty certain - that when Jesus said, “and when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others.” (Mt 6, 16) he would have pulled a long-look face.

The Universe Catholic

Father Vlad latest column on The Universe Catholic:

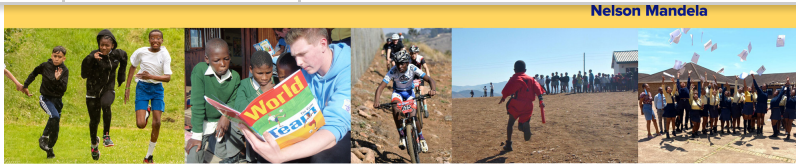
[The Universe Catholic - 5th May 2023 - The Church has always made the case for sport as a key part of society.](#)

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Nelson Mandela

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UK - Many thanks
for your tremendous
support in helping us to
use the power of sport
to make a difference in
the world.*

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Working Together, Learning Together

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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