



PASTORAL LETTER

My dear Little Flower,

I write this letter as I sit and rest from a long stroll through the streets of London, at Hatchards - which claims to be the oldest bookstore in the UK (1797) - on Piccadilly Street. As I sit here, I can't help but reflect on the history of this place. The countless stories of people that passed by here and on the human knowledge that this place has imparted to the world. Right here, in the center of London, lies a gem. It is where persons of similar literary interest congregate to celebrate the achievements and progress of civilization by story-telling. Here we laud the wisdom and the words of men and women.

And what about God's wisdom? God's word? When and where is it celebrated? It is celebrated this week, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Word of God Sunday.

Jesus is the Word of God - the Logos - that came into being; the Way, the Truth, and the Life that entered our human existence. The reason for all existence and of our being. We celebrate the Word of God at Mass, when we testify to God with our own life stories. We celebrate the word of God when we prayerfully read the scriptures, when we sing praise to Him with His word, and when we look at our life through the lenses of the Good News of God.

Our Church (the family of many families) is a school par excellence of the Word of God. It is the Body of the Word of God coming alive and active in the world. I invite each family of our parish to live out the calling to celebrate God's Word amidst the ordinariness of day to day life; in your work spaces, with our families, in our church, and in our homes. Parents, don't be afraid to teach your kids that the "seed of the Word of God" is everywhere and it is operative in every way, which gives meaning to our life. Don't be afraid to look and tell our stories through lenses of the Sacred Narrative - the Holy Scriptures - the Bible.

Today, and always, should your lives and mine be the laud of God's joyful and good message of salvation! Blessings!

**Your parish priest,
Fr JC Merino**