

Epistle – 25 June 2023

Dear saints,

Scripture says in Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

“... but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

We are surrounded by bad news, news of death and dying, news of trouble and trauma, news of violence and wars.

God offers us Good News in Christ Jesus.

Sometimes, we need to draw back “from the madding crowd” (Thomas Hardy) so we can hear the whispers of God’s voice (Walter Brueggemann) in the whisper of the Spirit (Nadia Bolz-Weber).

This seems to me to be a promise of God. Hope in the Lord and you will not grow weary. I was greatly encouraged by Rev Dr Pat Baxter's faith. It seemed, the more ill she became the more her faith and witness increased.

I pray for a faith like that. When troubles beset us, may our trust in God increase!

Folks, we are inviting free will gifts for the centenary celebration of our church, St Columba's. We would like to ask for your support for this very special year. And celebrate our Centenary by committing to bring our gifts into the storehouse of God.

Free-will and Good-will offerings will be received before and on the 30th July 2023.

I thank you.

Rev Craig

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