

There is within the Roman Catholic Church a great affection for the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sometimes the relationship felt obscures the revolutionary power of the role of this women in the plan of salvation. This cost is however, probably worth it. The beauty of devotion creating a place of safety and faith.

My Generation even had this kindness expressed by as weird a channel of communication as the Beatles "Let it Be" Album.

"When I find myself in times of trouble Mother Mary comes to me. Speaking words of wisdom, Let it Be"

This wisdom is based upon acceptance and not compliance.

It is not defeatism but pragmatic faith.

This capacity to work with what is there, and not waste energy grieving for what should be there is ironically a source of real strength.

As simple and basic as the school team losing a football game. No one likes losing. Mistakes are made. Failure comes often with guilt and recrimination.

The children are then asked by a good manager not to comply with a verdict that they are losers, but to accept that defeat is a part of the game of life. Then to pick out of that defeat what can make them stronger in the future.

To practice the capacity to use what skills are in the team, and not waste energy grieving over the fact that they do not have a multi-million player in the midfield.

Let it be

As a Burnley fan I speak with real authority.

A more difficult situation might be the break-up of a marriage.

For whatever reason there is the destruction, jealousy's, financial insecurities, blame, anger.

Few marriages end with a clean break. It is more often messy and cruel. Mistakes will have been made. Failure comes often with guilt and self-recrimination.

Have faith listen to the Blessed Virgin Mary and do not comply with the verdict that you are a failure, but accept that this pain is a part of your journey of life. Then pick out of that disaster what can make you and your family stronger in the future.

Practice your self-respect, use your God given talents and do not waste energy grieving over what is gone.

Let it be.

During Covid many of you are locked up at home.

For whatever reason we have been subjected to isolation, drops in income, and disruption of what we had considered normality.

None of us has reacted perfectly. None of our institutions have worked without mistakes. Disappointment often comes with anger and accusation.

Even here have faith listen to the Blessed Virgin Mary and do not comply with the defeatism that takes all responsibility from you. Pick out of this present disastrous situation what can make you and your family stronger.

Practice your personal independence and use your God given talents without wasting energy grieving over what you can do nothing about.

Let it be.

The Blessed Virgin Mary in the making of that statement was defiant.

The call of God was not to be fatalistic

But to reject the inevitable consequences of a fallen world.

To accept the will of God

To give birth to her son

To find life within exile, fear, even poverty.

To make use of what was there.

To Let it be

And thus live the life you have

to the full.