

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Wednesday 17th May 2023

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Luca's Rose



We have a Rose bush called Luca's Rose, as its named after one of Jill's great nephews. We are really anticipating with excitement its first crop of Roses as there are so many buds in the process of opening up. The buds appeared a few weeks ago, and I find there is always a prolonged period of anticipation when it comes to Roses! They make you wait!

Jesus taught his followers and teaches us to live in anticipation. In anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit, who will give us the energy to live as He taught. In anticipation of the next gift our Heavenly Father would give to us, whether it be a gift in nature, a gift of friendship, a new task or vocation, a holiday or retreat or a some other gift that fills us with joy. In anticipation of Jesus coming to us and us going to him (John 14:1-4)

In this anticipation is the energy, hope, strength, to face the day and its challenges.

It was because of the anticipation of the joy of the resurrection that was set before Him, that Jesus was able to go through the painful experience of his crucifixion.

What are you anticipating? May you find the patience to wait for it and may it come to pass at the right time and bring you much joy.

BIBLE VERSE:

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Hebrews 12:1b-2