

Thought for the day – Tuesday 19th April 2022

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Brendan McGuire told this story one Easter Sunday.

Every year thousands of people go on pilgrimage climbing a mountain in the Italian Alps, passing the stations of the cross to stand at a large wooden crucifix depicting the crucifixion of Christ Jesus. One year, a pilgrim noticed a little trail that led beyond the cross. She fought through the overgrown and unusual trail, and to her surprise, came upon another shrine, a shrine that symbolised the empty tomb. It was neglected. The brush had grown up around it. Almost everyone had gone as far as the cross, but there they stopped.

Brendan goes on to talk of hard times in our lives as experiencing the cross.

He reminds us of our hope which is in the resurrection.

At the end of his sermon he makes the suggestion “ that we become Christ for others. When we are there for someone in pain then we become the Risen Lord to them. We are their hope. We can be Christ for each other.”

We remember the prayer of Theresa of Avilla that Christ has no hands but ours.

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