

Reflection from Fr. Colm on Easter Saturday

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Good morning everybody I hope you're okay. Yesterday I was to be at a wedding between Justin and Nikki. Justin is South African, and Nikki is the daughter of a friend of mine. I baptised Nikki and she had particularly wished that I be present for the wedding. Sadly, the wedding didn't take place certainly not in the form that they wanted it to take place because of the coronavirus. However I received photographs after they had a very brief ceremony in Amsterdam and it was just absolutely gorgeous and it was really lovely and it was a reminder to me again of you know despite all the negativity that's a part of these times there are those moments of real joy and hope.

And Justin who has not been very well himself, please God now he will recover. But that's my moment of yesterday that unfortunately I wasn't to be a part of but a moment that I will cherish, a day that I will cherish and look forward to the wedding itself later on and so these are the moments for you and for me that we are also reminded and asked to recall.

I came upon a quotation from Thomas More which sums up in many ways I feel those moments for each one of us and what this is doing for us over this long time of protracted reflection.

It's a quote on Easter and he said " And in my heart the deepest peace, Christ's clarity, lucid and quiet and ever present as eternity. On these big feasts you come out on top of a plateau in the spiritual life to get a new view of everything especially Easter. Easter is like what it will be entering eternity when you suddenly and peacefully clearly recognise all your mistakes as well as all that you did well. Everything falls into place."

Now let's pray that it all will fall into place over these weeks. God bless you.