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GOOD NEWS

FOR THE CORONATION

That all went off well without any incidents.

For the religious significance of the ceremony, especially the awesome Anointing, calling down the Holy Spirit upon our new King.

For the ecumenical participation.

For all the special religious services held throughout the country to commemorate the occasion.

For the fun and enjoyment and engendering of a good community spirit in the street parties etc.

COVID

That the World Health Organisation has declared the end of the global emergency and pandemic.

Covid still poses a threat to populations, but illness is less severe and mortality much diminished.

FONIO

Communities in West Africa have long relied on Fonio, a grain which thrives in poor soils, to feed their families in lean periods. Many are now wondering if the healthy grain could be the key to alleviating food insecurity in Africa. Africa previously received 44% of its grain from Ukraine. This is good news for farmers too as Fonio is drought resistant and can grow in a matter of weeks without irrigation or fertiliser alongside other local crops.

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

SUDAN

For peace. For the thousands of refugees fleeing to safety (100,000 refugees from South Sudan alone are fleeing back to their own country).

CHILDREN OF UKRAINE

For the unlawful deportation of children from Ukraine by Putin. The International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant for Putin for unlawful deportation of children.

ASYLUM SEEKERS AT MDP WETHERSFIELD

The Braintree District Council had sought an injunction to prevent the Home Office from housing up to 1,700 immigrants at this former base for Ministry of Defence Police Training. The base is in a very isolated position, far from contact with a local population. A court has ruled that plans can go ahead.

CLIMATE CHANGE

There was no snow on the European Alps by the end of last summer for the first time on record, a report by the UN'S World Meteorological Organisation has said. More than half of ski slopes in the French Alps suffered during the winter season due to lack of snow.

SYRIA

About two thirds of the money pledged to UN networks in the aftermath of February's earthquake has not materialised. In addition to widespread poverty there is huge need for trauma counselling for a people traumatised by 12 years of conflict and a major natural disaster.

P.S.: I AM ON THE LOOK OUT FOR GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

Peace and Justice seem to be lacking so much in our world today. The BBC emphasises bad news so much so that many people have ceased to tune in. This is most depressing for those who are older, isolated or living on their own with little social contact.

Our Faith calls us to "Rejoice and be glad, for this is the day the Lord has made".

Today I am thanking God for Sr Elizabeth, who 53 years ago was the first Medical Missionary of Mary sister I met. She died on Saturday. RIP.

Through her my life was changed as MMM came into my life.

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Thanks - Mary Bradley