

A Coffee with Alessio



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The theme of the readings this Sunday is love, and the Gospel has that very familiar line about laying one's life down for a friend. We will hear:

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends” (John 15: 13).

Our offering of our time, treasure and talent (as musicians) are an example of laying down our life for others and serving our brothers and sisters. I so often mention how without knowing it, we could be evangelising someone through our music. Hopefully our ministry is a labour of love as well.

During the school holidays, I experienced and witnessed to so many examples of love and service to one's neighbour. I was fortunate to be on the receiving end of a lot of kindness. However, I also saw a lot of kindness passed on.

I'm not sure about you, but so often when I go to the shopping centres, those long corridors are filled with all sorts of charitable stalls amongst other things. They bail me up and I think to myself “I really don't have the time right now, I really would like to go and have my coffee and pastry.” Then I think “well this could be an evangelisation moment.” Why I am going into all this detail you ask? Well, during the holidays one morning as I was about to go and have my flat white and apricot pastry at Miss Maud's in one of the shopping malls, when a young person stopped me to tell me about their charity and the work they do. Many times, the people who stop me (working for these charities) don't seem happy doing what they are doing. This person was. They were passionate about their work, knew

their job and were eager to share it with others. They were laying down their life for others, and we must do the same with our liturgical music. We must be passionate about what we do, know what we need to do, and share it eagerly with others (and in doing so spread the Good News of Jesus Christ).

So, as we continue this Easter Season, singing Alleluia with joy and meaning, let us keep up our good work through our music and other opportunities that present themselves to share the Good News of the Lord.

I'll report to you about my coffee next week.

God bless,

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