

*Sisters of Jesus Way*  
*A thought for Mid-April*  
*The Lord goes before ....*



‘Tell the disciples and Peter, “He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him”’. <sup>1</sup>

Our Croatian Sheep dog is very frightened of fireworks. Firework night is a nightmare for him and for us but we don’t expect fireworks in the middle of April. One day this past week the Sister in charge of taking Jake out for his last trip round the garden decided to go a few minutes earlier than usual. As she came back into the house an explosive firework was set off. “Phew”, she uttered, as she came into the house, “Five minutes later and I wouldn’t have been able to get him past the door”. Then she stopped and gave thanks as she realized that the Lord had nudged her to take Jake out earlier than usual. The Lord had truly gone before her.

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<sup>1</sup> Mark 16:7 NIV

The week has seen many instances of this and it has caused us to be very thankful. One of our Sisters needed to be assessed for financial help as she now needs support in several directions. We didn't expect much, if anything, but in fact she has been granted help both with physical needs and help towards a better quality of life. In this too the Lord had gone before us. Shortly after the visit of this lady all such visits were stopped.

This week we have received several unexpected cheques or cash in an Easter card and they came before several large bills which needed to be paid. How good is the Lord and how faithful his people in listening to His voice and responding. As one card said, "I felt the Lord asking me to send you this".

How often God has made a way when there didn't seem to be a way. We know and rejoice that He has gone before us and will meet us in our present situation. We used to sing "My Lord knows the way through the wilderness, all I have to do is follow". It was written by a friend of one of the Sisters. The Cross seemed to be the end for the disciples; hopes dashed, businesses collapsed, fellowship broken, family life disrupted for no reason. It just didn't make sense. What they were to discover was that Jesus was in their midst all the time. The challenge was to go on following.

And so, as people say, "Where is God in this terrible coronavirus crisis, where people are dying and many fear death?", we can say with confidence, "The Lord goes before us. He will meet us in the suffering and dying and bring us to new depths of prayer and love, for He is risen, He reigns and as our ascended Lord, intercedes for us to the Father". We are truly blessed.