

## First Sunday Easter 2024

People have asked me when I knew I should be a priest. The answer is I have never known. But the belief that I should explore the idea has never left me, and I am still exploring.

You sometimes hear that someone's wife or husband was the only one for them. Well how very arrogant. Do you actually believe that you, are the only one that they could live with. Besides as you grow older together there are so many occasions when they find you infuriating. But you have made a life together, for better or worse.

What if it does not work out.

What if the economy collapses.

What if I lose my job

My credit card

My arm.

What if Darwen is amalgamated totally into Blackburn

They put a fresh set of lights on Bolton Road

The banks all close.

What if for whatever reason

They do not call

She has a fall

What if the sky should fall upon our heads

They call you religious because you live by faith

We all live by faith

Thomas called the Twin refused to believe unless he saw the holes the nails made, or put his hand in his side.

Even after Jesus appeared to them the Apostles were found hiding in the upper room

What if the Romans come for us

What if no one will believe us

What if we cannot do what we feel we are called to

But they did leave the upper room

They got on with the obligation

Thus two thousand years later we pray with them

So do the same

Leave the prison of your fears

Express the freedom of faith

Live without the illusion of certainty

And enjoy

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