



Thoughts on a Prayer Vigil

It was a very cold frosty day, but the sun was shining brightly as a group of supporters of the Helpers of God's Precious Children made their way to the Catholic Rosary Church in Brixton.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass took place at 9am and afterwards we set off walking through Brixton High Street ...Brixton Road.

We prayed the Rosary and other prayers on the way with walkie talkies helping us to keep our prayers in pace with each other and I think it was about a mile to the Marie Stopes clinic from the Church.

The pavement opposite the clinic was very wide so we congregated there, about 50 plus of us and continued praying the Rosary and sang hymns.

By this time the frost had melted ..it was about 11am.

The sun was glorious and it was so peaceful even with heavy traffic and many buses passing...it think it was a feeling of peace rather than silence...it couldn't be that with the hustle and bustle of a busy high street on a Saturday morning!

The strange thing was that though there was some heckling it was worse when we were singing loudly so could hardly be heard and there was very little when we were praying...the good Lord was looking after us.

There were a few cries aimed at us of '*shame*'; '*you are hypocrites*'; '*you should be looking after people*'; '*It's my body*'; '*you are all evil and you are all going to die*'; '*I had an abortion, you religious people are...ridiculous.*'

I cannot remember any other comments, though some residents were shouting encouragement and support for us from out of their windows above the shops near where we were praying.

Quite why we are evil for not wanting innocent children to die I am not sure, though yes we are all sinners and probably hypocrites some of the time, but certainly we weren't condemning anyone...just praying for a change of heart and for us all.

There were trained counsellors present to offer advice and support if requested.

...but we were told not to react to any adversity and in fact there was little.

I thought of Jesus when He said(John 15: verse 18.19.)

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you.

If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

Afterwards we walked back to the Church again praying the Rosary and finished with a prayer and a blessing on the steps of the church. It was about 12 noon.

We then went into the Church hall for refreshments and then off home.

Going home there was such a change in the fields and parks..bright sunshine and greenery no sign of the frost and it was warm..well in the train it was.

I well remember the Abortion Act being passed in 1967 when it was said it was only for the mental or physical welfare of the mother and there would never be abortion on demand, the unborn child was too precious for that to happen.

Well on demand it has become!

Is a baby a growth to be removed because of the inconvenience?

Is a baby only a baby when it is wanted?

If only one heart is moved by the prayers to keep her baby, then that is one life saved.

Cjs.

