

ROOT & BRANCH Journey 10  
with Ruby Almeida  
28th March, 2021

Suggested Links / Comments

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*Please note: these suggestions are taken direct from the Zoom Chat as recorded.  
Links / info have been added where available.*

Highly recommend this presentation on Mary Magdalene and the Women Disciples in the Gospel of Luke: <https://youtu.be/NLinqo6WjCU> (1hr) Boston 2017.

The Rainbow Madonna in Poland

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainbow\\_Madonna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainbow_Madonna)

Ruby- I know the Bar Convent in York has made their chapel available for LGBT Masses- wonder if that is linked to Quest?

As a heterosexual Catholic it's been a real joy to attend the LGBT Masses in Bristol. I'm in awe and wonder at the witness and statements like the cruel and daft ones of the CDF come as a clarion call to stand together! <https://tolentino.org.uk/lgbt-mass/>

There's a range of statements and responses at the bottom of Quest's response: <https://wp.me/p3MlaP-chS>

17:06:04 From Ruby Almeida to Everyone : NWM petition <https://www.newwaysministry.org/blessing/> You can sign the petition with your address and the ZIP code of your own country.

I have found John O'Loughlin Kennedy's book, *The Curia is the Pope*, so very enlightening, on how the Curia's entire existence is bound up in self-perpetuation. The CDF's Responsum is a perfect example of any Pope's powerlessness in the face of it... We have to call it out. <https://www.mountsaluspress.com>

3 years ago I attended the Pride March in Dublin, which was massive (apparently one of the biggest in the world I'm told). It was a very happy, festive, celebratory and colourful event. Afterwards I went into a Carmelite church near Grafton Street for some quiet prayer. The church was completely empty, dark and somber. I felt it as so symbolic. God and life was outside, with the people and not so much inside the church.

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I am impressed with your optimism Ruby. I have a gay brother and a sister who is a lesbian. They took years to love themselves and 'free' themselves from Catholicism. I so often feel ashamed and almost guilty that I remain attached to the Church. I am actually surprised at the numbers who remain engaged. thank you for your sharing today.

Being Catholic and in a same sex relationship imposes a dual identity where I am very guarded about disclosing all of who I am except in smaller circles where I know I can trust others who have become friends as well as co-parishioners. I know some in our parish would definitely not approve, and would be very critical (I have experienced one or two people like this who now shun me because they know...). The recent CDF statement will, I fear, give such individuals licence to be more outspoken and make me more guarded.

The website of the Association for Spiritual Integrity is <https://www.spiritual-integrity.org>

James Alison's article on Frederic Martel's book "In the Closet of the Vatican" is well worth reading

James Allison has a good article on CDF responsum in this week's TABLET "How to recognise a tantrum"

In Poland, have you heard about the new initiative - Kongres Katoliczek and Katolików? You might like to join us. <https://kongreskk.pl>

Penelope Middelboe to Everyone : [Love Tenderly - by gay nuns](#)

17:55:59 From Katharine Salmon to Everyone : Jeannine Gramick is a shero of Women's Ordination Worldwide. Recommend her film "In good conscience"- she took on the Vatican!!!