

A GOD THOUGHT – Sir Anthony

Hopkins: “I didn’t grow up with religion, because my father was an atheist, my mother was an agnostic, so I never went to church,” he says. “But I used to go into churches when I was grown up – I’d go into St Patrick’s Cathedral in New York and think, ‘What are they doing?’” He says today that, although he still has yet to find comfort in any one specific religion, one thing that he has learned over his 81 years is that there is more to the universe than we understand. “I’m an old sinner, like everyone else, but I try to be good. That’s all you can do. I’ve come to the understanding that there is something out there that is vaster than myself, and yes, I call it God, and yes, I do believe in it, and yes, I am now happier than I have ever been.” To view interview go to (<https://catholicherald.co.uk/you-couldnt-help-but-be-moved-spiritually-anthony-hopkins-and-jonathan-pryce-interviewed/>)

AYAAN HIRSI ALI vs RICHARD

DAWKINS: To view the 3rd June 2024 public interview between Ayaan Hirsi Ali (former Dutch politician and prominent atheist who is a recent convert to Christianity) and Richard Dawkins (atheist associate and fellow academic) go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tO1SEFclZMU>. (Start 3 minutes in to avoid ads).

A DISCIPLE’S PRAYER

Send us your Spirit, loving God,
the Spirit of Truth,
to open our eyes and ears:
to see where we are afraid to look,
to hear you in voices
that offend our sensitive ears.
We seek you in the spectacular
and extra-ordinary
and you come to us poor,
hungry, thirsty, naked,
diseased, in prison, alone,
and as the least
of our brothers and sisters.
Teach us to see you, hear you, touch you,
know you, where you really are,
and not where we would like you to be.
(Fr Ted Kennedy)

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HUMOUR – A lady’s memory: ‘The new dentist had the same name as a handsome boy that I had a secret crush on in high school 40 years ago. Could he be the same person? Upon seeing him, however, I decided that the elderly, grey-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he’d examined my teeth I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School 40 years ago. "Yes, I did" he said, proudly. I replied, beaming, "You were in my class!" He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, wrinkled, decrepit s-o-b asked, "What did you teach?"'

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SUNDAY MASSES	Weekday Mass
St John the Baptist, Alexandra, <u>9am</u>	<u>Alexandra:</u> Tuesday 5pm. Wed, Thur & Sat 9am. Friday, noon.
Our Lady of Peace, Roxburgh, 11am	<u>Roxburgh:</u> Wednesday, 5:15pm
St Peter’s, Omakau, 6pm vigil (Saturday)	

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

March, June, September, and December, first Friday (noon) in Alexandra, and first Wednesdays (5:15pm) in Roxburgh.



RECONCILIATION (Rite I):

Saturdays 9:30-10am in Alexandra. Otherwise upon request.

EXPOSITION and BENEDICTION: Fridays, 11:30-11:50am, side chapel, Alexandra.

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