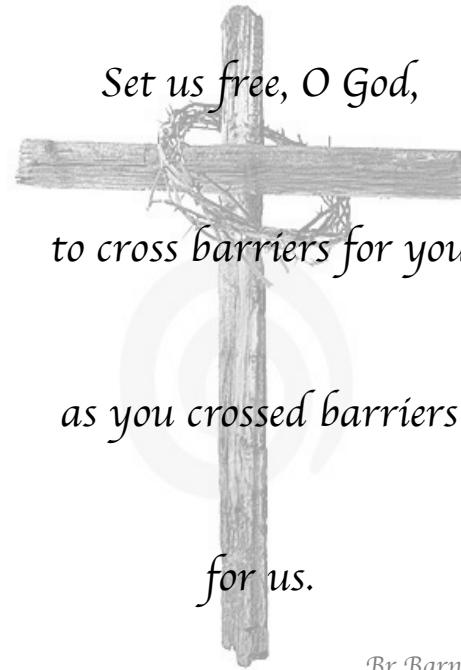


A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU – LOVE ONE ANOTHER – AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

The Celtic Way

CROSSING BARRIERS

The Roman Way



Set us free, O God,

to cross barriers for you

as you crossed barriers

for us.

Br Barnabas SSF

- *Small communities living in and around a monastery governed by an Abbot or Abbess. “There was no one rich there for they held all things in common” (Bede)*
- *Men and women shared in the ministry of the Church and in governance of abbeys and monasteries.*
- *The dating of Easter was based on the teaching of St John.*

- *Rome governed all things. This gave unity but was organised in a way that it enabled some men to become so rich and powerful that they were able to dominate others.*
- *Only men were allowed to hold positions of authority.*
- *The dating of Easter was based on the teaching of St Peter.*

When King Oswy, who followed the Celtic way, married Enflada, who followed the Roman way, they discovered that they were celebrating Easter on different days.

The Synod of Whitby
Oswy called a meeting (synod) to decide how the date of Easter should be calculated. Hilda, “a wise counsellor of all”, was asked to host the synod in her abbey at Whitby.

After much discussion Oswy decided for the Roman way. Hilda and all who followed the Celtic way were very disappointed and afraid that their way of life would be destroyed.

“Think on these things”

FAITH – PATIENCE – ENDURANCE – LOVE – FORGIVENESS – RECONCILIATION - PEACE