

BITS AND PIECES....

I'm sure we are all following and deeply concerned about the situation in Myanmar. The following is an extract from a letter Kathleen Geaney, a Columban Sister, wrote a day or two ago:



Thank you for all the prayers for us and for our people here. We know it is only God who can help us now, there is so much pain, suffering and terrible cruelty. Yet in the midst of it all we see so much courage, so much care and so much hope. Young people go out day by day ready to die if that is what comes. As we journey through this Lent Jesus surely walks the streets and roads of Myanmar. For me my Jesus figure for this Lent is a young 16-year-old boy who was working in the market in Mandalay pulling a trolley when he saw people being injured. He ran in with his trolley to pick them up and bring

them to safety. He was shot and died himself. I'm sure you have seen the picture of the St. Francis Xavier sister in Myitkyina courageously facing the police. She too was ready to give her all. These are just two among so many. I know you will continue to pray for us and we pray for you too as we all walk the Lenten journey in different ways. We give thanks for the unity we experience with you all at this time. (The Columban Sisters are missioned in the two cities mentioned here: Mandalay and Myitkyina).

Amanda Gorman, in her recent poem ***The Hill we Climb***, says the following:

*A country that is bruised but whole,
benevolent but bold,
fierce and free.
We will not be turned around
or interrupted by intimidation,
because we know our inaction and inertia
will be the inheritance of the next generation.
Our blunders become their burdens.
But one thing is certain,
If we merge mercy with might,
and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy,
and change our children's birthright.*



