

Reflection Friday Week 13 – St Thomas Apostle 2020

Ephesians reminds us that we belong to a great family in which everyone is of unique value and importance. Together with those alive and those who have gone before, including Thomas the Apostle, we are contributing to making this the greatest family ever. Thomas stands out as an apostle for his honesty. He did not believe Jesus had risen from the dead and had the courage to admit it. At the same time, he was completely open and not only ready to admit his mistake but declare his undying loyalty to Jesus, spending the rest of his life proving it by bringing the faith to India. It is commonly known that the name Thomas derived from the Aramaic meaning *Twin*. However, no-one knows who the twin was, which leads to much speculation. Some say he was the spitting image of Jesus. . . . Aren't we all called to put on Christ, let Christ live within us and through us? Today's celebration calls us to live our lives honestly, to be open with ourselves and with God about our doubts and difficulties with the faith. Honesty calls us to be open, to be ready to acknowledge and own our mistakes and be ready to do an about turn. But, most of all, we are called to live like Christ, or better, let Christ live within us. Commit to this and Thomas will be your friend and supporter for life; and, virus or no virus, Thomas will give you a great big hug every day of your life.

A one liner

Q. What do you get when you cross a centipede with a parrot? A. A walkie-talkie!