

## Reflection Monday Week 15 – 2020

*“Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man’s reward.”* Whenever we reach out to someone in friendship or in need, out of love and or compassion, recognising them as a child of God, a brother or sister in Christ, we welcome Christ and, in welcoming Christ, we welcome the Father. A prophet or a holy man’s reward is to be loyal to Christ and to fulfil the will of the Father; to be loyal, faithful and trustworthy, but most of all to be loved by Christ. Since the days of Jesus, choosing to follow him has for some meant moving away from family, being rejected and even despised – the hardest of choices. Jesus never hid the truth from us but he promised to never leave our side whatever else happened.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: *“Pope Francis invites us to renew our sense of mission, our task of bringing the Gospel to life so that others may see it and come to share its joy. He often reminds us that we are ‘missionary disciples.’ Through baptism we share in the task given by God the Father to his Son, Jesus, to bring his truth, love, compassion, and forgiveness into this world. There is a lovely saying: ‘It is not that the Church of God has a mission, but that the mission of God has a Church!’ We are that Church, and God gives us our mission.*

*One aspect of missionary discipleship is that we become more aware of the potential we have for bringing the loveliness of our faith, and its joy and consolation, to the attention of others. Personal conversations, individual acts of kindness, having compassion for others in their trials, offering to pray for those in need, whoever they may be: all these are steps in our missionary activity.”*

***Final thoughts . . . . .***

***Why do hummingbirds hum?***

***Because they can't remember the words!***

***I dressed up my dog as a postman for Halloween.***

***He bit himself!***