

## Reflection Tuesday Week 16 – 2020

One of most important losses during the pandemic has been our coming together, our being family. It is obvious that family is important to Jesus. He believes we are as important to him as his Mother. Rather than say that we are all equally important, he shows us that we all have a unique importance that defies comparison one with the other. Only Mary can be the mother of God but like her we are missioned to bring Christ into the world by the way we live our lives; the way we live family life, not just in our homes but also as a church, as a parish, as a Christian family, as a Hitchin family . . . .

In *Eternal Echoes*, John O'Donohue writes: *Superficially, a family might look like an accidental gathering of individuals called together by the chance meeting of a man and a woman who fell in love and wanted to express the depth of their love in procreation. At a deeper level, a family is an incredible intertwining of multiple streams of ancestry, memory, shadow, and light. Each home hosts the arrival of history and assists the departure of a new destiny. The walls of the home contain immense happenings that occur gradually under the subtle veil of normality. Though each family is a set of new individuals, ancient relics and residues seep through from past generations. Except for our parents and grandparents, our ancestors have vanished. Yet ultimately and proximately, it is the ancestors who call us here. We belong to their lifeline. While they ground our unknown memory, our continuity bestows on them a certain oblique eternity. In our presence we entwine past and future.*

What is true for our own families is true for our church family and for our Christian family. Doesn't it want to make you shout with Praise and Joy to be part of such a great and inspiring family, full of richness and memory!!!

### **Just another little story . . . . .**

It was a baby mosquito's first day to fly out from home. When the mosquito came back home later that day, the father mosquito asked, "How was your journey?" The baby mosquito replied, "It went great. Everyone was clapping for me!"