

## Reflection Tuesday Week 20 – 2020

With people losing jobs all around, the economy in recession, the education system in turmoil, people's freedom being curtailed here and there, our readings about wealth, money and power only add fuel to the fire. Yet the irony is that the evil end promised to the rich and powerful by Ezekiel is being realised by the present pandemic. Covid 19 has no consideration for wealth or power!! A basic belief in the time of Jesus was that the good and those who followed God's law would be blessed with riches and those who sinned would be poor. As with all these kinds of belief the converse was also believed that if you were rich and wealthy then you must be a good person. Jesus makes it very clear that goodness, holiness, righteousness has nothing to do with what you possess, how much power you have, whether you are the richest or the poorest person in the world but about the kind of person you are, the values by which you live and the priority you give to God in your life.

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*There is something in me that is not content to hang about directionless along the edge of the path . . . A thirst in me so deep it will move aside the rocks, seeking moisture. There is a yearning that is intense in its desire to put God first.*

*It may take a lifetime, but I have no doubt this unnameable Mystery within, the seed that fell at the beginning of creation, will finally crowd out the thorns.*

*Yes, there is a God who believes in me enough to continue singing up the true beauty of my heart.*

### **Pope Francis**

Giving priority to God and having hope in him do not lead to an escape from reality, but rather, it urges us to make productive that which belongs to him. . .

*"Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do."*

**A Sunday school teacher** asked her children as they were on the way to Mass,

"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."