

Reflection Friday Week 30 – 2020

Every priest working in a parish, especially this one, would want to say with St Paul *You have a permanent place in my heart, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.*" Throughout his public life, Jesus constantly challenged people about living by the rules. Jesus showed that they were the best guide for living good, honest, trustworthy and faithful lives in tune with the will and love of God. In the code of Canon Law and in the Catholic Catechism each rule/question is accompanied by a theological explanation to reveal the intention of the law and therefore how it can best help us live our lives. When a law came into conflict with the well-being and good of people, Jesus would opt for the good of the person, the common good, just as he did in the gospel today.

The nation and the government are faced with a difficult choice whether to go into a full lockdown or not. Despite the importance of the economy and the debt the nation is facing already, the health and goodness of the people of the nation must take priority of place. Let us pray that the government makes the right decision.

Further Thoughts:

"I want to inspire people. I want someone to look at me and say because of you, I didn't give up."

"We rise by lifting others." Robert Ingersoll

"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."
Albert Schweitzer

"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness." Seneca

"One of the greatest things you can do to help others is not just to share and give what you have, but to help them discover what they have within themselves to help themselves." Rita Zahara

"Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts."

A man was helping his friend clean out his garage when he noticed an amazing looking belt in the dustbin. It was black, with numerous stars and galaxies etched into it in intricate detail.

"Why are you throwing this out?" He asked.

His friend replied, *"It is just such a waist of space."*