

Reflection Tuesday Week 29 – 2020

Often when we look of institutions or groups we work from top down; the most important being at the top. However, some important groups work from the bottom up - the other way round. Citizens UK is one such institution, Justice and Peace, Cafod and Caritas are others. What is so interesting about the image of the Church family that St Paul describes is that the faithful (the bulk of the Church) is built upon Christ, the apostles and the saints. The most important at the bottom. Not only are these roots solid, they are roots that can never be removed. Roots that offer solidity, solidarity and security. We are a family built on the very best. Knowing this, we have the possibility of doing great things; being not just a great family but the best of families - a family open to all and that cares for all. In the Gospel, Jesus suggests that each day is brimming over with possibilities which is reassuring. We need, therefore, to be awake and aware so that the great opportunities that come our way do not pass us by; opportunities to reach out to others, to offer support and friendship, to affirm and encourage. In fact, there are too many possibilities to be able to respond to them all. Stop and think for a while. Opportunities are available to us every single day of our lives - don't miss out!

A poem by Robert Longley

See the opportunity
just staring at your face.
It's not taking advantage
when you come from a good place

The situation presents us
with needs that must be filled,
by those that have the knowledge
and built by those most skilled.

A bridge must be created
to the future from the now.
You may not have the pieces
but soon you'll see the how

Many are depending
on the gifts you can provide.
This is a time for action
you cannot run and hide.

Overheard in an Irish bar: An Irishman and an Englishman learnt that there was a massive demand for crocodile shoes. Wanting to take up this opportunity the Irishman and the Englishman bought two guns and set sail for Africa. On arrival they went their separate ways. After many days the Englishman hadn't seen a single crocodile and returned to the Irishman to tell him of his trouble and ask him how he was doing. The Irishman replied ***"Well I've shot about 30 crocodiles but none of them were wearing any shoes?"***