

## Reflection Friday Advent Week 2 – 2020

The first words of the first Psalm are *“Happy indeed is the man whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.”* In the knowledge that the law is love God and love neighbour it is the best way to begin. In the current Brexit negotiations, despite all the political talk and media hype, it is all about saving face. One wonders if the interests of the people in England and Europe are of any interest to the negotiators. We will be the ones to suffer whatever the outcome. Read the words of Isaiah and the Gospel again and you will realise they are addressed directly to us. If we truly cared about God and our neighbour, we would not be in this mess. Fortunately, Advent reminds us once again that God never gives up on us whatever the mess we make for ourselves. Jesus forcefully reminds us not to point the finger at others or find fault in them, we need to reform ourselves and our outlook on life and respect others whoever they are and whatever they have done. Jesus died for everyone, without exception. Jesus comes again to us all, without exception. Let us show our thanks and praise to God by living in his way and by living his law of love.

*Live in a way that is kind to your soul. Keep vigil with your life. There is something in the cycles of the earth that speaks to the restless human heart. When we truly listen to the call of the seasons of the day and the year, our listening is transformed into what many people call prayer. Perhaps most of all, I have learned that way down underneath all the busyness, something (or is it Someone?) waits for us to come home to who we truly are. All it takes is a simple pause to get us in touch with the One who keeps vigil with us. - Macrina Wiederkehr*

From a song she wrote:

*O, ever-changing God, protect us from congealing,  
Ever flowing, ever flowing, ever flowing, ever flowing.  
'Til we flow into a Sacred Stream,  
'til we flow into that Eternal Drink which is You.  
Then pour us back into the world  
and let the flowing begin again,  
and again, and again, and again.*

- *What do you call a priest that becomes a lawyer? - A father in law.*
- *When lawyers die, why do they bury them 600 feet underground? Because deep down, they're really nice people.*
- *What's the difference between a lawyer and a liar?          The pronunciation.*