

Reflection Monday week 1 2021

In this week-one of the year, Hebrews opens with the words that *'God has spoken to us through his Son'*. A spirit of joy and celebration is encouraged as we move forward. God has kept his promise to send us his Messiah who fulfilled his mission admirably and is now with his Father in Heaven. The gospel, too, is filled with newness and energy as Jesus, after his baptism, begins choosing those who will help and support him in his mission. The spontaneity with which the chosen disciples Peter, James, John and Andrew, left their work and followed Jesus is surprising. One wonders what must have happened beforehand? These disciples must have seen the promise of God in Jesus even though they were unsure what this meant or where it would lead them. It reflects the situation in which we find ourselves. The promise of the vaccine lies just around the corner but when we will receive it and how effective it will be, has yet to be fully determined. The long-term effects are also unclear so let us turn to Peter, James, John and Andrew and all those early disciples and pray for their guidance and help. Let ask for their trust and confidence in God that we will be saved from the effects of the virus and that we will work hard to prevent this kind of virus attacking us again in the future. This will mean urgently working to heal our planet. Read Laura Kelly Fanucci's poem:

*"When this is over, may we never again take for granted
a handshake with a stranger; full shelves at the store,
conversations with neighbours;
a crowded theatre; Friday night out,
the taste of communion,
a routine check-up; the school rush each morning,
coffee with a friend; the stadium roaring.
Each deep breath,
a boring Tuesday; life itself.
When this ends,
may we find that we have become more like the people
we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be,
and may we stay that way — better for each other
because of the worst."*

Teacher: Name something beginning with **E** that you are not very good at. **Johnny:**

Spelling!

I'm beginning to suspect that the Tinnitus Hotline isn't actually staffed. Any time I call, it just keeps **ringing**.

What has T in the beginning, T in the middle, and T at the end?

A teapot.