

Reflection Saturday Week 1 – 2021

The fact that the Word of God cuts more finely than any double-edged sword is consoling. It means not only that we cannot hoodwink God but it will also help us not hoodwink ourselves. It is said that if three people see an accident, they will each give different accounts of what happened. This helps us understand better why misunderstandings happen and communication can so easily break down. In fact, three people can have very different views about the truth, even opposing views, and all be right. In other words, we all have a vision and understanding of ourselves, of life, of faith, of God and we can all be right because we only have partial understanding of the whole, all partially correct but very incomplete. This helps us also understand why the scribes did not understand Jesus. They did not see the truth in the way that he did. Jesus was continually challenging those around him to look at people, situations, and beliefs differently in order to discover a more complete picture of the truth. Although we want Jesus to give us answers to our questions, he replies by telling us to think differently about ourselves and others because truth is more about inner discovery than answers and explanations. In French they say *“Rien pour l’esprit!”* when all that is given are facts, information and explanations but do not touch the heart where God has made his home. God shares the eucharist with us because we are sinners, people in need of God because we fail to do things right, make mistakes, neglect what is important etc. It is greatly encouraging to know that God loves us all the more for the fact that we are sinners. The question to ponder today is: ***Why would God do that?*** A question only you can answer!

A motorist was pulled over by a policeman. Noticing a large number of knives in the back seat, the policeman asked the driver *“Sir, do you have a good reason for needing all those large knives?”*

Smiling the driver said, *“Why yes, I juggle them.”*

Realising the policeman was rather sceptical, the driver said, *“Sir, with your permission I'd be more than glad to give you a demonstration.”*

Policeman: *“Alright, but you'd better be telling the truth.”*

So, by the side of the road, the man starts tossing the knives high into the air with ease. Two elderly gentlemen happened to drive by and both gazed in astonishment. One looked at the other and said *“Sure glad I gave up drinking, these sobriety tests are getting ridiculous!”*