

Reflection Monday Easter Week 4 – 2021

In the Gospel yesterday Jesus made it very clear that he oversees many flocks to look after, not just us, making it possible for all sorts of people to enter the sheepfold. Today the Good Shepherd states that he does everything to give us life to the full. Our challenge is not to argue about who enters the sheepfold and who doesn't but how we are going to live the life Jesus offers us. We are assured that the Good Shepherd is always nearby, always ready to help, always ready to guard and protect us. But, be clear, a full life includes failure and suffering, tragedy and injustice as well as joy, goodness, love, kindness, compassion and much more. With Jesus everything is possible. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter learned to open the gospel to the pagans through the working of the Holy Spirit, who probably reminded him that Jesus had said something about this while he was alive.

Today, among the challenges we face in living life to the full is observing the guidelines about keeping safe and not spreading the virus. This means having the vaccine, maintaining social distancing and wearing masks to hinder the virus replicating itself. The other major challenge concerns the climate emergency. The government has made great promises to go greener and we must work to see that they keep them. We must continue to live more simply and be green friendly. Living life to the full means making it possible for those who come after us to live their lives to the full; not jeopardising their future which we are doing at the moment. God created the world out of love just as he created us out of love. The earth so wants to show its love for us - so, let it! Don't strangle it to death!