

Reflection Saturday Week 16 – 2021

The great richness of parables is that they are open to many different understandings. Let's suppose that Jesus is speaking about us in the parable today. God has made us sowing in *goodness* but evil has also been sown into our hearts and minds. Rather than cause us harm Jesus is willing to watch over us and defend us from evil as far as we are willing to let him. So, we grow up with these two forces of good and evil within us. The word from the wise says the one that prospers is the one we feed the most! At the end of life, only the good we have lived will continue and go forward. Of the many challenges we face today *Care for the Climate* comes out as a top priority. If we do nothing about healing the planet, or even not enough, our world will collapse around us and our children will only inherit pain, suffering and loss, and no future. We urgently need to revise what we understand to be sinful and evil. We need to include sins against nature, against ecology, against creation. There is the sin of wastefulness – throwing food away which is still edible - being wasteful with our utilities; the sin of not recycling when this is possible. There is the sin of destruction of the habitat of indigenous peoples from mining; destroying forests, contributing to plastic pollution. The sin of being instrumental in causing people to live in utter destitution and to starve to death. Creation yearns for us to help it escape its present course of self-destruction and cries out for our help. Creation has an immense ability to forgive; it yearns to do so. After all, it is a significant reflection of its creator – God. The same God who made us and filled us with goodness!