

Reflection Wednesday Week 16 - 2021

The mind is both a wonderful and perplexing gift from God. It is capable of enriching insights and wondrous intuitions. It is inventive. Produces moving and challenging art and music; is able to compose heart-moving poetry. Yet, it can fail to see the obvious and completely ignore common sense. How many commentaries on the Parable of Sower focus on the seed that fell on the rocks, the path and among thorns when over 95% of the seed fell on good ground and produced tremendous amounts of good seed. Why keep wondering about moving along the path or wading through thorns as though there is nothing else. The media has done a successful job in leading us to believe the world is falling apart. We are aware of all the wars, the injustices, the brutality of the world around us and yet three-quarters of the world is filled with good people who care about their neighbour, are compassionate towards and welcoming of anyone in need, often making great sacrifices for their good. They are regularly found among the most deprived of communities of the world. The Parable of the Sower is addressed to us because we have the means to reach out to the starving populations of the world and provide them with grain. We do this by living more simply, being less wasteful, recycling and reusing, supporting fair trade where possible. And before you think you have suffered because of the pandemic – and many of us have – say to yourself: *Today (and every day) 25,000 people, including more than 10,000 children, will die from hunger and related causes.*

Loving Father, you have blessed us with the good things of creation and we thank you. Help us to remember that you love all your children and your gifts are for the benefit of all. Help us to be thoughtful and not selfish, generous and not greedy. May we learn to respect the earth and be willing to share its gifts with all our sisters and brothers. Amen.