

Reflection Friday Week 19 – 2021

In response to the Pharisees trying to trap him yet again, Jesus takes the opportunity to remind us of the importance of our relationships and especially the marriage relationship. The binding force in marriage is not so much the contract but love. A love that unites and opens one to the other. A love that helps bring out the best in both parties. A love that nurtures and uplifts. A love that challenges and motivates. A love that inspires and opens the path to new discoveries, and, as *Amoris Laetitia* says, is the best model for the love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and therefore of the intimacy with which God loves us. Whenever Jesus asks anything of us or teaches us, it is to help us discover the true meaning and purpose of life which is intrinsically and indelibly filled with the presence of God and more specifically with God's love. Jesus will do anything to help us discover the inner riches of life and of love, including giving us his life totally. Giving one's life to another opens us to the hidden wonders of life, leads one to a more profound sense of dignity and self-worth and allows us to recognise the reverence with which everything and everyone is created.