

## Reflection Saturday Week 29 – 2021

Jesus is very straight forward when he says *“unless you repent you will all perish.”* (Mk 13:5) Yet Paul states very clearly that *“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give you life.”* (Rm 8:11) The Spirit was given to us in baptism and renewed when we were confirmed. There is no doubt that Jesus wanted us to have life and life to the full or he would not have come to earth to tell us this. Jesus became one of us because he loved us so much. Repentance means changing the way we live and leads us to recognise that that same call is being made to us by creation. Unless we change the way we live, creation will collapse and we will all perish. The choice is in our hands.

It is no coincidence that the synod is calling us to listen to each other. If we do this well, we will understand better the value of life and see how very precious is this gift from God - and this will inspire us. Hopefully, we will do everything we can to save creation and ourselves along with it. Trusting in God is not enough, we have to act positively and urgently. You've heard the story about the man who trusted in God so much, day after day he prayed that he would win the lottery with no luck. Months passed and years passed but nothing. So, the man started complaining to God until finally God said to the man: *“Could you please do me the honour of at least buying a lottery ticket!”*

**A four-year-old** spilled his cola on the rug and wanted to clean it up. So, his mother told him the mop was just outside the back door. Quickly running to the door, he discovered it was dark outside. Suddenly scared, he told his mother. Assuring him, she told him that Jesus is everywhere, even in dark places, and that he'll always protect him. This put a smile on his face! So, he opened the door just enough to poke his head outside and called out ***“Jesus, if you're out there, could you pass me the mop?”***