

Reflection Friday Week 31 – 2021

The Gospel today could not be more appropriate. At first sight it could be about astuteness but in fact it is about priorities and the effort we give to them. A key priority for all of us is life. Without life nothing else is possible. Of course, if we believe our lives are safe and secure, not facing any serious threat, then, of course, we will not be too concerned about it. The reality is that the earth and creation is crumbling all around us. This must be our priority or we will soon not have life. As food and water grow ever scarcer, people will turn upon each other and the threats Jesus made about the end of the world will happen. Our future needs a lasting and radical commitment, implementing the different ways of living more simply, more sustainably, and with less waste. As we do this, we also need to reach out and offer help and support to those struggling to survive because of the destruction we have already caused the earth.

The Cry of the Earth (G J Lee)

Let me lie on the earth and feel it breath,
it is my mother and father too.
It shudders with deep fear
at what my species try to do.

Let me touch the gentle flowers,
throw my arms around a tree.
Let me caress the grass and rocks'
for earth is life to me.

The earth breathes and bleeds,
rain washes her clean each day.
But man destroys her abundant body'
and rain cannot wash him away.

The earth is a living being.
It does not want to die in agony.
It is the creator of all life.
It bought forth you and me.

I plead with you, my people.
Leave this earth alone.
Or she will die a dreadful death',
and we will have no home.