

### Reflection Friday Week 34 – 2021

The words of Jesus will never pass away. Daniel speaks of Jesus in these terms: *His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.* Whatever else happens around us Jesus will always be present; a presence of love and mercy, that inspires, encourages and uplifts whatever else may be happening. Jesus spells out some of the challenges we will have to face. If we truly trust in his words and his promises, we will be people who inspire hope by the goodness and care that we show to others and to creation. The most common way that God shows his love for us is through one another. We are sacred temples; we are bearers of God, made in his image. This is why the synodal process is so valuable for us. As we journey together and share our stories of faith, we will experience hope in others and in ourselves. We will experience goodness in others and in ourselves. We will experience the care in others and in ourselves.

Liverpool has already travelled a synodal journey. The majority of those who took part were changed; some in a radical way, in their faith, in their hope for the future, in their desire to be more involved in the life of the Church; in the renewal of the Church.

Pope Francis said: *“To plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands, and inspire in young people – all young people, with no one excluded – a vision of the future filled with the joy of the Gospel.”*