

## Reflection Monday Week 32 – 2021

A wish that many people have is to be wise, to make wise decisions, to act and to think wisely. We call people wise because of what they say and do, and how they live. As we begin the book of wisdom, we discover that we cannot possess wisdom even though it is a gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. What we are given is the use of the gifts of the Spirit. We are told that *Wisdom will never make its way into a crafty soul, nor stay in a body that is in debt to sin; it stands aloof from reckless purposes, is taken aback when iniquity appears*. We are able to love but we do not possess it any more than we possess Christ. *'God is love and whoever lives in love lives in God'*. It is better to think of Love possessing us, like Truth and also Wisdom. As the book of wisdom states: *Wisdom is a spirit, a friend to man*. Let us pray that the Lord will help us use the great gifts he has given us with sincerity, humility and a desire to make God's love for each of us known.

**Creator God**, who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians  
and gifted us with everything we need,  
forgive us for the times we cause it harm;  
for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.  
Inspire us to care for the environment;  
to help rebuild lives and communities;  
to share in the griefs and anxieties,  
joys and hopes of all your people,  
so that all your creation may flourish. Amen. *Stephen Davies/CAFOD*