

## Reflection Saturday Week 30 – 2021

Paul writes: *“God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.”* God loves everyone as if they were the only person in the world. Once we realise the enormity of this blessing there is no space to ever think of oneself in comparison to others. Being blessed will help us realise and recognise the blessings in others and reinforce how much God loves everyone.

### **Pope Francis puts it like this:-**

God continually blesses the life of animals, man and woman. Even men and women give blessings, aware that blessing possesses a special power that accompanies the person who receives it throughout his or her entire life. It opens up the person's heart to allow God to change it. The beauty that God imprinted within His work will never be taken away. God continues to desire our good. There is no sin that can completely erase the image of Christ present in each of us. No sin can cancel the image God has given us: the image of Christ. Sin can disfigure this image, but cannot remove it from God's mercy. God is patient till the end, hoping that the sinner's heart will eventually open and change. God is like a good father and mother who never stop loving their child, no matter what he or she may have done wrong. Men and women respond to this God who blesses by blessing God in return through the prayer of praise, adoration and thanksgiving. God did not wait for us to convert ourselves before beginning to love us, God loved us a long time before when we were still in sin. We must bless everything in God, especially the people of the world. This world needs blessing and we can give the blessing and receive the blessing.