

Reflection Friday 2nd Week Advent 2021

Jesus suggests that we can be the right person in the right place at the right time. Since, like him, we are made in the image of God, we can. The challenge is choosing the right time and place, which is not so easy. John the Baptist was a very different person to Jesus. His role was different because he was Jesus' precursor. To help us see ourselves as the right person, the Father sent Jesus to inspire, motivate and reaffirm that we can each be the right person in the right place at the right time. Maybe all we need to do is to trust Jesus and have faith in him. Advent will help us do this.

*[Quote] **Life is a constant Advent season:** we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfil. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfilment are all part of our Advent experience.*

The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us — as one of us — gives us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfilment into the Advent of our lives.

For we are called to be God's witnesses by the love we extend to others; precursors of his justice by our unflinching commitment to what is right and good; lamps reflecting the light of God's Christ in our forgiveness, mercy and compassion; harvesters of souls through our humble and dedicated servanthood.