

## Reflection Friday Week 2 St Agnes 2022

**St Agnes (- 304)** very little is now known about her' life. The details have been obscured by the light that shines from her martyrdom and the cult that it inspired. She was martyred at the age of 12. Agnes was filled with the love of God from an early age, vowed herself to celibacy, and when the opportunity of martyrdom arose, she did not hide away but stepped forward and took it. Let us admire the simple wisdom of Agnes and pray for the strength to live up to and face the difficult challenges of life, trusting in God.

So often God chooses the foolish and the weak by human reckoning to shame the strong as Paul rightly claims. Jesus says this even more clearly. Our true treasures are hidden from us only those of deep faith and love in God will ever discover them and, once found, they will do anything not to lose them.

### **How wonderful it is to pray**

once Christ becomes our choice.

How marvellous to find the Way  
and hear the Master's voice.

To hear God speak and feel his touch,  
his warmth and tender care.

No wonder how we love so much  
the One who's love we share.

To this! One needs a moment free;  
repent of wayward sin.

By faith ask God on bended knee  
for Christ to dwell within.

The Christ who died, the Christ who lives,  
the Christ who reigns supreme.

The Christ who cares, who loves and gives,  
beyond our wildest dreams.

The Spirit of the Lord is real,  
his promises are true.

Billions have heard, millions now feel,  
who've witnessed birth anew.

Through faith we see the Truth first-hand  
the facts of life laid bare.

Secrets learning to understand,  
treasures beyond compare.

Eternal stands God's promise sure,  
which eyes have never seen.

Which ears have never heard before,  
ordained for Jesus' queen.

Appointed for the chosen bride  
ere time on earth began.

Continuing as yet to hide

in God's true Son of Man. **Michael P. Johnson**