

## Reflection Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Week Easter 2022

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, today we celebrate **Our Lady of Fátima**, commemorating the visions of Our Lady near Fátima in Portugal in 1917 by three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month from May to October, and by October huge crowds gathered there and reported having visions and miraculous occurrences themselves. Pope John Paul II attributed his survival of an assassin's bullet on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1981 to Our Lady of Fatima. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who died of Spanish Flu, were beatified on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2000.

The feast today reminds us that, down through the ages, God has worked his miracles through many different people, most especially through Mary, the mother of Jesus, but also through the apostles and the saints. They all show how much God cares for us and loves us and really wants us to find fulfilment in this life as well as in the next. In the Gospel today, Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper and, despite his impending death on the cross, Jesus tells them everything he is going to do is so that they may have eternal glory and share in his love for ever. A place awaits us all in heaven, Jesus has promised this to us and Jesus never fails to keep his promises!

**I asked an electrician to fix an electrical issue at my house.** He refused.

**If you ever get locked out of your house, just talk to the lock calmly ...**

After all, communication is key.

**I visited my friend at his new house.**

He told me to make myself at home. So, I threw him out. I hate having visitors.