

Reflection Tuesday Week 11 2022

We would all like to be perfect for God but deep down realise that it is impossible. We do, however, try to do the best that we can in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us and for God's glory. The word translated for **perfect** in the Gospel comes from the Greek *Telelos* which can mean *perfect* but also means **mature**. Maturity is a lifelong process, a development that is continually being enriched by experience and self-knowledge gleaned from successes and failures. It also implies that we have the possibility of improving on our best. It carries the sense that our offering to God is unique, not in the sense of being better or worse than someone else but the best of ourselves at the time. It is more like doing the right thing, in the right place, at the right time.

Pope Francis: *The Lord is not looking for perfect Christians; the Lord is not looking for Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith. For a Christian the adventure of faith "consists of lights and shadows. We should not fear "crises of life and faith. Crises are not sins, they are part of the journey, we should not fear them. It is better to have an imperfect but humble faith that always returns to Jesus, than a strong but presumptuous faith that makes us proud and arrogant. Jesus wants us to bring him "our needs and our unbelief. Jesus always comes back because he is patient and merciful. Jesus always forgives, always! All we need to do is turn to him in our need.*

Dalai Lama: "You are made for perfection, but you are not yet perfect. You are a masterpiece in the making."

I have the perfect son.

****Does he smoke?*** No, he doesn't.

****Does he drink whiskey?*** No, he doesn't.

****Does he ever come home late?*** No, he doesn't.

****I guess you really do have the perfect son.**

How old is he? He'll be 6 months old next Wednesday.