

Reflection Wednesday Week 10 2022

The real purpose of the law is to create a society where people are able to live with honour, reverence, dignity and respect of each other. It aims to foster harmony and good will, to keep people safe; to create an environment in which people can flourish and prosper and where the weaker members are supported and cared for. It wants to create a welcoming society where everyone is valued and able to value others – a society that is good news in all its aspects. This is the kind of Society Jesus hoped to create and of which he is the ultimate expression of Good News. This is why Jesus talks about the Spirit and the intention of the Law as key to living it well. The early Church understood this well. Whenever evangelisers went to pagan nations, they did not seek to abolish the customs and traditions but transform them, to Christianise them. A pagan festival is the reason why Christmas is on 25th December.

The Law of Love (*Richard Chenevix Trench*)

Make channels for the streams of love,
where they may broadly run,
and love has overflowing streams
to fill them everyone.

But if at any time we cease
such channels to provide,
the very founts of love for us
will soon be parched and dried.

For we must share, if we would keep,
that blessing from above;
ceasing to give, we cease to have,—
such is the **Law of Love**.