

Reflection Wednesday week 27 (Sister Faustina Kowalska – Divine Mercy) 2022

The more one reflects on the prayer that Jesus taught, the more it appears to be a preparation for prayer. It puts us in the right disposition to pray, by helping us recognise our relationship with God and our dependence on him, like the dependence of a son or daughter on a father, a healthy dependence based on love.

Paul is proud of being called to be an apostle of Christ and recognises his call as bringing the Gospel to the pagans. Today he teaches us something about leadership.

Peter comes across in the gospel as rather impetuous, who recognises Jesus as the Christ and is able to testify to it. We are also made aware of his failures. His greatness as a leader is because he is able to recognise and accept his mistakes and change course. Even his betrayal of Jesus did not derail him. In fact, it gave him even more strength of purpose to preach the gospel after the resurrection. Humility was an essential ingredient of his leadership.

Sr Faustina discovered, as did St Peter, that the mercy of God provided them with the courage, wisdom and desire not only to preach the Good News but also to be Good News.

A woman was nervously waiting at the airport for her husband to return from his skydiving lesson. The pilot approached her: "I'm sorry, but there's been an accident. I have some bad news, some good news, some more bad news, and some more good news.

The bad news is your husband fell out of the plane. The good news is he had his parachute on. The bad news is he hit the ground before his chute could open. The good news is we hadn't taken off yet."