**Reflection Friday Week 32 St Martin of Tours 2022**

**St Martin of Tours** was born in the Roman province of Pannonia (Hungary) about 316. Educated at Pavia in Italy, he was baptized, left the army and spent time as a hermit on an island off the Ligurian coast. He founded a monastery at Ligugé, western France, where he lived a monastic life guided by St Hilary. He was ordained priest and became bishop of Tours. He gave the example of a good shepherd. He founded other monasteries, educated the clergy, and preached the Gospel to the poor. He died in 397. The famous story about St Martin is that while a soldier in Amiens he gave half of his military cloak to a beggar and later had a dream in which the beggar revealed himself as Christ.

In two days’ time, Deacon Adams will be ordained a priest. As well as the prayer of consecration, the Cardinal will also anoint him with chrism oil. In Baptism and in Confirmation we are anointed on the head. In the ordination of a priest the oil is placed on the hands. All priests, bishops and also the Pope are ordained for **service**, hands being the sign of service. Priests are ordained to serve the faithful. St Martin is a very good examples of service, living what Jesus asks of us in the Gospel. Being ordained we have a greater responsibility and duty to serve.

**Quotes:**

*"Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done."*

*“If we do not want to live life poorly, let us ask for the grace to see Jesus in the poor, to serve Jesus in the poor.”*

**I ordered a deck of cards** from Amazon and two weeks later it hasn't arrived. "Customer service told me they're dealing with it."

**If you understand** English, press 1. If you do not understand English, press 2.

"A woman called our airline customer-service desk asking if she could take her dog on board. “*Sure,”* I said, *“as long as you provide your own kennel.”* I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over. The customer was flummoxed: “*I’ll never be able to teach him all of that by tomorrow!”"*