

## Reflection Monday Week 32 St Willibrord 2022

**St Willibrord (658 - 739)** was Yorkshire born. A pupil of St Wilfrid he studied for twelve years at Rathmelsige in Ireland, where he was ordained priest. He returned to England but in 690 he went to Frisia. He was ordained bishop by Pope Sergius in 695 and founded the metropolitan see of Utrecht in the Netherlands. He preached the Gospel in Denmark and North Germany and founded several diocese and monasteries in the Netherlands and Luxembourg. He died at Echternach in Luxembourg in 739. He was the first Anglo-Saxon missionary to Europe and is remembered for his devotion in preaching the Gospel, for his joyfulness of character and his holiness of life.

Don't you think that St Paul would have been proud of St Willibrord who fitted well the description Paul gives of a good leader. Maybe Paul left out the importance of cheerfulness that Willibrord obviously had. Willibrord was also a model of the Faith Jesus talks about. It was a faith that led him to study and become a preacher and a leader. It inspired him to venture into foreign lands and led to his success in spreading the good news. Faith is not just about what we believe or don't believe, faith inspires and motivates, it gives courage and promotes the belief that nothing is impossible. Would that we had faith like that of St Willibrord - please pray for us and inspire our faith!!

**St Willibrord: *"There is no God but one, who created heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them and those who worship Him, in true faith, will possess eternal life."***

**Leadership:**

**Henry Ford: *"The key to being a good leader is keeping the people who hate me away from those who are still undecided."***

***"People who enjoy meetings should not be in charge of anything."***

***"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito."***