

Reflection Wednesday Week 34 – 2022

That we live in fragile times is something no-one will deny. We are ever more aware of the fragility of a world gradually crumbling around us. We are aware of our fragility in the face of rising costs and the inability to receive enough money to compensate. We are powerless to prevent one country going to war against another or prevent insurrection in unstable countries. The recent pandemic has challenged our ability to fight off new diseases and viruses. There is a growing concern over migration and the increasing inability to help all who seek help.

There is a saying that *when the going gets tough, the tough get going!* The recent pandemic revealed to many the importance of family and of relationships, promoting the desire to visit older members of the family and strengthening family bonding. Doctors and nurses lost their lives to the virus with their unstinting medical help for those suffering from the virus. As food costs rise, people are willing to help those in need of food who are increasing manifold. Food once thrown away by supermarkets is now being eaten by those in need. People are cutting down on use of petrol, turning down the heating in their homes, reusing and recycling and helping cut CO2 emissions that harm our planet. There has been a growth in the desire and ability of groups to work together thus increasing the help and support provided.

The passage in Apocalypse today could have been written by Christ who was arrested and abandoned, seized and tortured and gave his life. But Jesus rose again and won a new life not just for himself but for us all, a new life that offers a **HOPE** that not even death and suffering can ever overcome.