

Reflection Saturday 4th Week Advent Christmas eve Morning 2022

Having just returned from Baptising Antonio in Portugal, it has made me aware that all that we hear about the birth of Jesus has happened to us. David was not allowed to build a house for the Lord. In Baptism it is the Lord who tuns us not just into a house but a temple in which he chooses to live. In Baptism Jesus is born within us in a special way that, like Mary, we can bring him to the world. Not only did Jesus come to set us free from sin and evil but to set free all the goodness, goodwill and charity that dwells within us. If we all allowed this to happen the world would change in an instant. On Christmas day let the renewal begin!

"There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of one small candle...' I have always remembered those words, not so much for their poetry and imagery as for the truth they contain. In moments of discouragement, defeat or even despair, there are always certain things to cling to. Little things, usually: remembered laughter, the face of a sleeping child, a tree in the wind – in fact, any reminder of something deeply felt or dearly loved." ~ Arthur Gordon

*"The joy of Christmas is contagious—but not primarily because of our gifts of dolls and trucks, bikes and pretty dresses, sweaters and ties...The joy of Christmas is contagious because of the spirit behind the gifts. **The glory of Christmas is that a gracious God became one of us to tell us that He loves us.** And, in his or her Christmas giving, the genuine believer symbolizes his or her inner desire to spread this Good News.*

A Woman goes to the butchers on Christmas eve to buy a turkey.

Lady: *How much are your turnkeys?*

Butcher holds up 2 Turkeys and says: *I can let you have both of them for a bargain price of £15.*

The lady pauses and, pointing to one of the turkeys asks: *How much is this one?.*

Butcher: That one is £10.

Lady: *In that case I will have the other one **for £5!!!!***