

Reflection Monday Week 7 2023

The cardinal opened his address to us yesterday, Sunday, calling us to prayer. Jesus heals the possessed child through prayer; the greater the evil the more the need for prayer. Let us make prayer a top priority during this approaching season of Lent and then continue it afterwards. As Lent approaches, it offers us an opportunity to take stock of our lives which continues to challenge us and demand greater generosity and rethinking of the way we live our lives. The cardinal reminded us of the importance of prayer throughout this Lenten season. But we need to see this season of Lent as a time to improve the time we give to prayer so as to be able to continue it afterwards. In fact prayer will lead us into action if we pray with an openness to God and willingness to respond to his call which often begins with the small things. Back in the day there was a great motto: *"Small is beautiful!"* It is only in doing the small things that we are then able to offer more and more. There is the story about the chap walking along the shore covered with starfish washed up onto the beach. He meets a young boy picking up a starfish and throwing it back into the water. The chap seeing the huge number of starfish covering the beach told him his job was impossible because there were so many. The boy picked up another starfish and threw it back into the water and said, *"It makes a difference to this one!"*

However small your act of charity, word or action, you make a difference! Prayer will help you do this.

Making a difference:

What's the difference between an alligator and a crocodile? You'll see one later and one in a while.

What's the difference between the bird flu and the swine flu? One requires tweetment and the other requires oinkment.