

### Reflection Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Lent 2023

The story of the Tax collector and the Pharisee raises the whole question of our relationship with God. Given all its definitions, humility in Christianity concerns the way we see ourselves in relationship to God and to our neighbour. Having an important, even essential role in any walk of life but especially within the Church, does not make the person important. It is the role for which he is responsible that is important not the person; the greater the role – the greater the responsibility. Jesus never used his divinity for his own prestige, power, status or to avoid suffering of any kind. He used all his divinity to save us - from the best to the very worst. Mother Theresa's poem puts it this way:

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred;  
forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;  
succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;  
build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;  
give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;  
it was never between you and them anyway.