

Reflection Wednesday 4th Week Lent 2023

In John's Gospel Jesus shares with us his relationship with the Father and how important it is to him. Most of what he tells us about his relationship applies equally to us if we stop and take time to reflect. So, read the Gospel well!

It has been known that couples, who have been married for many years and gone through the ups and downs of life, can often complete each other's sentences because they know each other so well. We see this same kind of relationship of Jesus with his Father in the gospel. In effect Jesus sees the Father working in and through him in everything he does. He knows and believes that all the works he does, everything he says, all those he helps and those he challenges, are acts of the Father working through him. How selfless is that??

We are made in God's image. Therefore:

- We are a Reflection of God's work of Redemption.
- We are a Reflection of God's Love.
- We are a Reflection of God's Image.
- We are a Reflection of God's Glory.
- We are a Reflection of Heaven on this Earth.

And remember that:

The Word of God is in Scripture,
the Word of God is among us,
and the Word of God is within us,
Thanks be to God.

Therefore, with the whole church we affirm that
we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere we affirm God's goodness
at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation we affirm
the miracle and wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and in the world.