

Reflection Tuesday 2nd Week Easter 2023

In the early days of Hebrew society, they celebrated a jubilee year every 50 years. The Book of Leviticus prescribes this as a special year in which debts would be remitted, lands restored to their original owners, and slaves would be liberated. It is not clear how long this festival lasted but the early Christian community shared that same sense of community by sharing everything. Note however that they also expected Jesus to return again in their own lifetime making money and goods unimportant.

There have been movements in this country in which people sought to live without money and use a bartering and trading system, trading could include labour, skillsets, expertise, home made goods etc. Unfortunately, the conglomerates would not be in favour of this and it would also mean going without luxuries in food, clothes and healthcare, even though, in the long term, it would help create a much happier and much more peaceful world.

Jesus suggests that it in communities in which everyone is important and care for each other, work to help each other, communities that are inclusive, caring for the most vulnerable and for those most in need are communities most ready to accept the presence of Jesus bringing them love and support, courage and hope, and be able to be reborn again and again and again.