

Reflection Wednesday 5th Week Easter 2023

Jesus' reference to being a vine could suggest that he was inspired by Celtic Spirituality?? The Celts believed that we are interrelated because the spirit of each of us flows through all those we encounter just as their spirit flows through us. How else understand the feeling we experience from the goodness of people we encounter, or their compassion, or their generosity etc. Even if we may feel alienated from our families for whatever reason, there is still something deep within us that links us to them. When we recognise the presence of goodness in those we encounter, we soon understand that at its heart it reflects the goodness of God and, like the vine, it nourishes and inspires us. What is key to this imagery of the vine is that the fruit produced is completely God's work and that we are but his instruments or, as Jesus puts it, his branches that he truly values. It also helps us realise that as branches we cannot live without being attached to the vine, just as we cannot be fruitful without being nourished by the goodness provided by the vine. To live with Christ is to bear fruit. It is in drawing strength from Jesus that we are able, as his followers, to bear fruit in faith and good works.

Which branch of the military accepts toddlers? The infantry.

What do you call a tree-branch playing the violin? Fiddlesticks

2 monkeys sitting on a branch, one says "ooh ooohh aha ha aha!" The other says "careful, that's hot."