

Reflection Tuesday Week 15 – 2023

Will we be condemned because we fail to notice the miracles taking place around us every day? In simple terms a Miracle speaks to us of the presence of the divine, of God, being inexplicable to humankind. To be unmoved by the miracles around us means we have no sense or experience of God's presence. Sure, we can explain the human body in intricate detail but how it works so well together and the presence of the human mind rises way beyond explanation. Poetry and art are far more than explanations. Creativity in all its aspects speaks of so much more than the object or reality created. The presence of the divine changes the way we see everything and, without an awareness of that presence, we will never discover the true richness of our being, of humanity or of our world. We are well aware of the turmoil in the climate at this time and it is because we failed to treat the miracle of creation with the reverence, respect and holiness that it deserves. The destruction that Jesus refers to in the gospel is already taking place. Jonah called the Ninevites to choose God. We are called to do the same. In doing so we will treat creation with the dignity, respect and reverence it deserves and be saved!

An elderly American lady went on holiday abroad for the first time and needed a Passport, her first. *"You must take the loyalty oath first,"* responded the passport clerk. *"Raise your right hand, please."*

She raised her right hand. *"Do you swear to defend the Constitution of this country against all its enemies, domestic or foreign?"* was the first question. The little old lady's face paled and her voice trembled as she asked in a small voice, "Uhhh... all by myself?"