Reflection Wednesday Week 15 – 2023

The Lord says to Moses, '*Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground*.' In fact, God has been saying this to us ever since but by and large been ignored. God is the source and origin of creation, of course it is holy, it all speaks of the presence of God. We must work ever harder to listen to what is God is saying and respond. After all, the burning bush drew Moses towards it and, in encountering it, he clearly heard the voice of God. As so often happens on these occasions, God asks something from him that is seemingly impossible, lead his chosen people out of slavery in Egypt into the promised land. And as happens Moses does exactly that – the impossible.

This is an important lesson because we face an urgent crisis in terms of climate change. Some are saying we have already gone too far and we will not be able to prevent the continual spiral downwards. But if, like Moses, we believe and trust in God, we will be able to do the impossible because God will work in us and through us. It may not lead quite to a resurrection but it can lead to new life for us and for future generations.

THE BEAUTY OF CREATION BEARS WITNESS TO GOD St. Augustine

Question the beauty of the earth,

the beauty of the sea,

the beauty of the wide air around you,

the beauty of the sky;

question the order of the stars,

the sun whose brightness lights the days,

the moon whose splendour softens the gloom of night;

question the living creatures that move in the waters,

that roam upon the earth,

that fly through the air;

the spirit that lies hidden,

the matter that is manifest;

the visible things that are ruled,

the invisible things that rule them;

question all these.

They will answer you: "Behold and see, we are beautiful."

Their beauty is their confession to God.

Who made these beautiful changing things,

if not one who is beautiful and changeth not?

In the beginning, God created Earth.   Everything else was made in China.

Then God created Saturn,   and he liked it so much he put a ring on it