

Reflection Friday Week 20 – 2023

We begin another wonderful story about Ruth, a Moabitess. Because of the example and life of Naomi her mother-in-law even though she was offered her freedom. What else could this be but a relationship inspired by love, honour and dignity? It also reveals that goodness breeds goodness. The inspiration for Naomi was precisely what Jesus tells us in the Gospel, that we are called to love God and to love our neighbour, and because they are inseparable the love between Naomi and Ruth was God-filled.

However, loving God is abstract unless it leads us to serve our community and others, our neighbourhood community or parish community, or our group or club community.

Loving is also a call to fidelity, being faithful to your true love, God. You can only love the “One” who is love. Remember that God actually loved us first which is why we are able to love.

Fidelity to God means being faithful to His will, living his holy will in love. Anything done with the right motive will not endure. But anything done out of love will glow and last.

Our love of God and love of neighbour are the greatest of all loves.

Let us pray, reflect and ask ourselves:

Do I love the Lord above all things?

How do I manifest and express my love of God?

Have I shown the love of God with my neighbour?

How do I concretize my love of neighbour?

Let us pray for those who are unloved, those who have not experienced love at home and in community, those who refused to love — may they receive God’s love, goodness and healing mercy.