

Reflection Wednesday Week 19 – 2023

Despite all their misunderstanding, incomprehension and wrongful ideas, which were many, Jesus shows incredible faith and trust in his disciples. He is positive about giving them authority over sin and evil, forgiveness and mercy, as well as being eager to answer their prayers. Who would want for a better leader and guide??

It would be good to think that the ability to bind and loose that Jesus gave his disciples was used to bind all that is evil in a way that it could no longer afflict people. That they would use this power to shield those they served from all harm and evil that might afflict them. However, it would also be important to use their power to let loose, to release, to set free, all the good that people were capable of doing and being. This is what happens to those who are baptised. People are capable of so much goodness that they need to be encouraged to use it or, as Jesus says, to let their goodness loose in the world.

Pope Francis

- Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness and mercy.
- Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others.
- God's goodness is stronger than any evil!
- If evil is contagious, so is good: therefore, we must allow good to abound in us, more and more; let us be infected by goodness, and let us spread the good contagion.
- The family remains the basic unit of society and the first school in which children learn the human, spiritual and moral values which enable them to be a beacon of goodness, integrity and justice in our communities.

A helicopter loses power over a remote Scottish island and makes an emergency landing.

Luckily, there's a cottage nearby, so the pilot knocks on the door. "Is there a mechanic in the area?" he asks the woman who answers. She thinks for a minute. "No, but we do have a McArdle and a McKay."