

Reflection Tuesday Week 27 – 2023

Stories are often used to teach and inspire people in how to live their lives, the principles they need, the virtues and challenges that form the core of the stories, the encouragement and inspiration they stimulate. Yet the story always leaves us with thoughts and challenges to ponder and muse over hoping that we will draw positive solutions that will help us live our lives more fruitfully.

The story of Jesus brings us to a turning point in his life. He resolutely turns his face towards Jerusalem. The fact that a Samaritan town refused him entry does not mean all Samaritan towns were like that because we know that others welcomed him. Fortunately, it offers him the opportunity to make it clear that violence and revenge are outside his principles and never the answer to rejection. This is a theme that inspired many, many stories the lessons of which unfortunately have not been heeded. Whatever has happened in the past, we now have an opportunity to build a Church that is warm, welcoming, supportive, compassionate and inspiring. A church where people come to it because of its goodness and caring and its openness to all without exception. A Church in which everyone is valued and has something to offer; a Church that is a family.