

Reflection Friday 2nd Week Advent 2023

How often do you find reasons for what you dislike or believe threaten you? So easily done! In fact, they are never real reasons only excuses that suit our purposes. We are called time and again to listen to God, to each other, to what others do and say but this demands a complete openness that many find difficult to have. As we wait for the coming of Jesus' anew this year of 2023, will you be open to all its possibilities? There is a great yearning for peace and reconciliation in a world that is fraught with wars and abuse of power. It is too easy to blame politicians and others and not recognise our responsibility to act justly, kindly and be welcoming to others.

Jesus says the children played music for the people and were ignored. This week Our Lady School presented two nativity plays; one by the reception class and one for year 1, at both the children sang about the nativity of Jesus. They were full of joy and wonder and radiated a brightness that only children seem to possess these days. It was a joy and delight for all of us who were able to be present. For a short time, the children made the joy of Christmas real in a very special way and created an inner desire for Christmas to come soon so that we can feel his presence in the way that the children showed in their nativity presentations.

Thank you, children, for making the coming of Christ so very special this year and reminding us of our need for the hope, joy and delight about which you sang.

What did the scarf say to the hat?? I'll hang around here while you go on a-head.