

Reflection Monday Week 3 – 2024

One of the great blessings to come from the Covid 19 outbreak was the goodness emanating from so many. People looked out for one another rather than going their own way. A greater communal solidarity developed in many, many places. People accepted all kinds of sacrifices for the good of others as well as for their own good.

Jesus declares that a kingdom divided against itself cannot last; nor can a divided household. He was accused of healing people through the power of Satan. There can be no greater misjudgement of Jesus than to declare that the spirit at work in his ministry is the spirit of Satan when in reality it was the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit working in him.

We have learnt from the death and resurrection of Jesus that all sin is forgiven by Jesus. In fact, God willingly forgives all sin. However, we are free to accept or reject God's mercy and forgiveness. Yet, God's merciful love cannot penetrate hearts that see Jesus as an agent of Satan. The Lord needs some opening within ourselves, some chink in our armour of resistance, no matter how small that may be. The tiniest chink is all the Lord needs to flood our lives with mercy and forgiveness.

As Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, God can work powerfully through faith the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds. Even though the Lord needs some opening in us, even if it is as small as a mustard seed, he is always totally for us. He wants to free us from all resistance to his love so that goodness and love of his presence will be set free to enter the lives of all those we encounter.