

Reflection Tuesday Wek 4 – 2024

After listening to the Gospel, Mark wants to make clear that Jesus never does anything by halves. He shows that, where healing is concerned, gender or position in society were no barrier to the healing love of God. Jesus in Mark appears to be like another David who was distraught at the loss of his son, Absalom, even though his son wanted to kill him. We, however, are much more precious to Jesus. Let us recognise this and respond with generosity and trust to whatever Jesus ask of us.

It is good to know that women were as important to him as anyone else. The role of women in the Church has been given more and more attention because of the synod of the laity, the second session of which will take place later in the year. Not only women but the laity also have many gifts and riches to bring to the life of the Church, which Pope Francis recognises. He hopes that processes will be enabled for their voices to be heard and be effective, and that their essential contribution to the life of the Church is not lost since and will make us a better family.

The work done in ecumenism over the last few decades has produced a much stronger Christian society wherever it has been promoted. In his wisdom Pope Francis recognises this progress as one that can happen with a more synodal Church. The Church will be strengthened so that God will be truly celebrated and glorified.