

Reflection Monday 3rd Week Lent 2024

Do we really need a miracle to believe in the presence of God when miracles are happening around us all the time? How many births happen every second? The intricacy of the eye is a miracle in itself - countless miracles. The story of Naaman's meeting with Elijah the Prophet makes it clear that miracles happen most often in the ordinary and small events of life like washing.

The scribes and pharisees stood in front of Jesus staring them in the face and yet they still did not see the miracle that he was. Lent is a season that asks us to look again very closely at everything around us and discover the presence of Jesus staring us in the face; in the members of our families, the homeless person in the shop doorway seeking help, the shop assistant who serves you with a caring and loving generosity, as well as the one that doesn't. The creation itself is one of God's greatest miracles and something that we have steadily and perseveringly destroyed by our abuse of it.

For each of us one of the greatest gifts God gave to us is the gift of faith. This is the gift that helps us discover how God is present in us, in those around us and in creation. We would be much more hesitant about abusing creation as we do, knowing that creation bears the fingerprint of God. Its sacredness is the ground of its being. Like Moses, standing before the burning bush, we all stand on Holy Ground, let us treat it with the reverence and respect which is its due.