

## Reflection Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Week Easter 2024

The Gospel today is one often used at funerals. It reveals that Jesus did everything for his Father and for us, not for himself. It offers us the reassurance that we are truly precious to him and to his Father.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper on the eve of his death. He promises all of us that he will take us to the Father at the end of our lives. Jesus' description of his Father's house as many roomed suggests the great hospitality of that house. Heaven, it seems, is not a confined space for a selected few but an open and welcoming space for many. Jesus is clear that he did not come for the few or for the elect, but for all.

Jesus desires to take us to the heavenly home of his Father. However, in the meantime he wants to make his home in us and he calls on us to make our home in him. A few verses after today's reading Jesus will say to his disciples, *'Make your home in me as I make mine in you'*. And one of the primary ways that Jesus makes his home in us and we make our home in him is in the Eucharist.