

## Reflection Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week Easter 2024

Jesus speaks about the wind. He says, *'The wind blows wherever it pleases'*. Being beyond our control, the wind blows wherever and whenever it wants to blow. We have the ability to harness the wind to some good purpose (using wind turbines for example for creating green energy which is so badly needed), but we are never in control of it. Jesus often spoke about day-to-day realities, like the wind, as a way of helping people appreciate and understand better the more spiritual realities. Jesus uses the wind as an example of how the Holy Spirit can and does work among us and within us. *'This is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit'*, Jesus says. In fact, in Hebrew, the same word could mean either 'wind' or 'Spirit'. Jesus seems to be saying to Nicodemus and to us that the Spirit of God possesses a freedom of its own and is not something we can ever control.

We do not take the Spirit where we want it to go; the Spirit takes us where God wants us to go! Jesus, however, invites us to make ourselves open to the Spirit, to surrender ourselves to the breath of the Spirit within us and around us, and to allow the Spirit to direct us and to lead us.

**I dropped £10 the other day and the wind caught it so I chased it down the road..**

I never caught it but I had a good run for my money.

**The inventor of the wind chill factor died last week.** He was 86 but felt more like he was 64.

**What did the skunk say when the wind changed direction?** "It's all coming back to me now."