

Pride and superiority come to mind in today's readings. Who knows the will of God? All we can do is to examine our own calling and respond accordingly. We must be careful when we have negative thoughts and opinions about others, not to fall into trap of thinking that we know all the answers.

Paul came from a position of being a blasphemer, who did all he could to 'injure and discredit the faith.' But Jesus gave him the strength to realise his fault, grant him mercy, judge him faithful and, through his grace, 'Filled him with faith and with the love that was in his very self. ' Who would have believed that Paul could have changed in such a way, who had known him in his earlier years? Think of the judgements they might have, and did, make about him!

Jesus always had compassion for others, was, and is willing to offer another way and give another chance. In the Gospel he warns his disciples, "Can one blind man lead another." We have a picture on our wall of two angels standing close together. Only two wings can be seen. A caption reads, "We are each of us an angel with only one wing, and we can fly only by embracing one another." None of us is perfect. We all have a bit of the whole truth. Better to share that truth and listen to the truth of others. When we do, we can embrace one another more fully.