

Tuesday Reflection 1st December 2020

So here we are into Advent, on the journey to celebrate the Incarnation of Our Lord, the “Word made flesh”. He comes, however, not on wings of glory, but as a ‘helpless babe’ to show His solidarity with the weak and powerless.

In the Advent readings we also look forward to His Second Coming ‘at the end of time’.

It could be - and has been - argued that it is already the Second Coming that we celebrate at Christmas, because the birth of Jesus was God’s second manifestation.

The first was Creation, when the Word of God assumed physical form at the beginning of time. No less an authority than Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, articulated this when he wrote of the Word of God:

“Sacred writings are bound in two volumes - that of Creation and that of the Holy Scriptures... Visible creatures are like a book in which we read the knowledge of God” and he quotes from Ecclesiasticus (42:15) “The works of the Lord are the words of the Lord”.

Thus when humankind was charged with the stewardship of Creation - all of it - we were being entrusted with the care of the Word of God. We would not dream of desecrating the Holy Bible (Volume 1), but we seem to have no compunction about trashing Volume 2.

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