

Tuesday Reflection no. 102, 12 April 2022

I was quite surprised when I added up the number of Tuesday Reflections I have written. The reflections started with the first Covid lockdown as an attempt to provide spiritual nourishment. I have been very grateful to Fr Naz for the opportunity which he has provided for me to share with the community some of my reflections on a range of issues.

Apart from the occasional feedback we have no idea how often these reflections have been read, and now that things are opening up again, and other channels of communication are coming on stream - like the Parish Magazine - the time has perhaps come to close them down.

I hope I shall continue with the discipline of writing and find other outlets, for example in the Parish Magazine and through the One World Group. I should like to sign off with the vision for the Church which forms the conclusion to our Parish input to the synodal pathway exercise and which might form the basis for further deliberation within the Parish:

“The dream might be for a Church cast in the mould of Vatican II, i.e. a Church of equals engaging positively with the world, a Church of people with an informed deep faith engaging actively with spiritual, theological and liturgical issues, a Church based on vibrant small groups served by a broader-based ministerial priesthood drawn from all the constituencies within the Church, a Church that shows Jesus the Christ to the world by its life of prayer and commitment.”

Michael Townson