

24th April 'Comfort my People' REFLECTION

Mission accomplished: a thought prompted by the liturgical readings for today.

“Gamaliel (advised the Sanhedrin) ‘If this enterprise is of human origin, it will break up of its own accord, but if it does in fact come from God you will be unable to destroy them.’” (Ac 5:38-39)

“Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He asked this to test Philip, he himself knew what he was going to do. ... Seeing the signs that he had done, the people said, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, (realising they would) make him king, fled back to the hills alone.” (Jn 6:5-7, 14-15)

Now that we enjoy a good deal more of a sense of having escaped the worst that the pandemic could have wrought upon our nation, we may find an opportunity to reassess the place of our faith in our daily life.

Once we place our faith in Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer of the world, we are taken up into a divine enterprise. This realisation can give direction to the undertakings that fill each day. All of our work, all of our rest and relaxation, all of our loving family life contribute to the eventual manifestation of God’s plan.

God will see to it that his creation comes to fulfilment. He will heal and purify and enlighten me, he will heal and purify and enlighten the history of the world. This is what our belief in universal judgment means. God wastes nothing, God even makes good from our sins and

limitations. The book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, is a resounding poetic affirmation of this belief.

Jesus' mission is not that of a king along the lines of human expectations.

The world's ambitions and deceptions and violence cannot destroy whatever comes from God.

Peace be with you!