

Thought for the week
Tenth Sunday of the Year, Year B

Spring Cleaning

With Lent, Easter, Pentecost and the feast that follow behind us, we return again in the liturgical calendar to a Sunday in “Ordinary Time”. The green of the vestments during ordinary time, which starts after the Christmas season, symbolises growth and the hope that this brings.

Before Lent the green we see in the world outside is the hope and promise of the first signs of spring. Now, as we come into summer, green is reflected in the growth and maturing of the plants and crops in our gardens and the fields around us. Like the crops sown when the fields were bare and cold, we reflect, see and share the beauty of God’s love on our way through life. Our ultimate destiny is also to be harvested, at the end of our lives, but for us this means being welcomed back into the loving arms of the God who created us. God has loved us since before we were born and will continue to do so for all eternity.

In today’s first reading, set in the Garden of Eden, a sterner image of God is portrayed and the weakness of humanity exposed. When questioned about eating from the forbidden tree Adam says (I paraphrase) “*the woman made me do it!*” It can be hard to stand up and admit our failings and our mistakes even to those we love and are closest too. The temptation to blame others for gain or just to distract from our own shortcomings is part of being human. However, we never need to do this in front of our brother Jesus. He became man to share our human weaknesses and his love for us is inexhaustible. He just asks us to follow his example and to try to be as perfect in Love as we possibly can be.

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