

Reflection from Fr. Colm on Friday of the 4th week of Eastertide

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Good morning everybody. Stunning weather again, thank God. Well have you seen him or her? I'm talking about those born-again cyclists, born again joggers, even the power walkers. They've suddenly emerged in this time of lockdown to get exercise in an intense state. Thank God there's not too many of them, but when you see them, they're more frightening than a herd of elephants charging towards you. Today we're, I suppose appreciating, and what they are doing as well and that's quite understandable is the perhaps the clarity of the air which is seeing its lowest form of pollution in records, on record. These are the times, the strange times we're living in the wonderful times too. Lockdown has its benefits.

In the Gospel today we're reminded from St John that Jesus is asking us to remain in His love and to in response to Thomas' question "*we don't know the way Lord,*" "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*" The Way is a wonderful metaphor always in religious language, many great saints have based our own faith and journey on a way, a pilgrimage, the Camino. Often some of us are familiar with *the* Camino. Sadly, that may not be open again for another two years I gather but let's hope better news comes across on that.

But all of this, all these reflections, all of these thoughts are a reminder to me anyhow of perhaps the need to be more appreciative of what's near me, what's nearest home, house, garden, even the room. "*In my Father's house there are many rooms.*" many mansions some translations have it. Just again a reminder that yes Heaven is not a geographical place it is a location.

"I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life" He's not saying "I will be the Way, I will be the Truth I will be the Life" "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*" Here and now, where I am.