

Reflection from Fr. Colm on the Wednesday of the 6th week of Eastertide

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Good morning. Well I thought you had had enough of these meanderings, but we continue as we continue with lockdown it seems not. I've been asked to say or continue with a few reflections I'm happy to do that because to be honest with you I enjoy researching and reading things in relation to the Gospel and on a morning like today we're very much with our teachers and staff in our schools whichever way it goes into the future. Testing times for them.

Personally, I'm uplifted, I'm always uplifted by music, and of course looking out today at this glorious sunshine and the wildlife in the garden; thank God I have a garden. This morning there were two pieces of music following each other. One was Handel's *As steals the morn* it was followed by *I danced in the morning* which was played on the harp. I never heard it played it on the harp before. Absolutely stunning.

So let me tell you now as if you didn't already know, there are very few original thoughts in what I have to say and the gathering of these as I mentioned before, the wisdom and sayings of so many is something I enjoy. One such quotation, reflection that I reflect on this morning is by one of the great Austrian American film directors Billy Wilder. Those of you who saw *Some like it hot* will know the genius of Billy Wilder. He said "*Hindsight is always 20/20*" He's alluding to an optical terminology that Simon Berry I'm sure my local optician would know very very well. What it means simply in optical terms if you're 200/20 that means you better get your glasses quickly.

However, hindsight is often something that catches us out isn't it? I backed the wrong person for whatever might be, I said the wrong thing, all of this is more immediate but at a deeper level it's something totally different. When a relationship goes wrong, the hurt the damage that can be done. These are things that can shape us to the core and can't be put right in so many ways.

However, that's where we come in now by way of being a religious, believing Christian people. It's easy to say not to worry about past

decisions because you couldn't change them at the time. But here and now we have to do something about it, we're invited to do something about it. It can be a slow process and it's basically a slow process in acceptance and a need for deeper understanding within ourselves and this is where the Holy Spirit comes in and this is where the Gospel today comes in beautifully.

Jesus says, "*I have so many things to tell you but not now, you're not quite ready but the Holy Spirit, the Spirit will come and reveal these things to you.*" And so, it's the getting ourselves ready that's important. Giving ourselves time, giving ourselves space for that change. That if we are sufficiently open will transform, will heal, all those lovely positive words and help us move on. Good morning.